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*"At the end of the day, you have to want to get out of bed and feel that your day will be filled with opportunities to learn, curiosity and challenges. You cannot stop learning or educating yourself... learning is lifelong." — Dr. Mildred Oliver*



# 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 registration 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 937-229-2605 or [udolli@udayton.edu](mailto: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
- 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 937-229-2605 for more information.

# REGISTRATION AND RELATED INFORMATION

Remember these helpful tips and important facts as you register.

- The annual membership fee is \$40, payable at the beginning of the term on your membership anniversary date. Memberships run 365 days from the original date of purchase.
- The term registration is \$100, and together with the membership fee entitles you to enroll as many seminars as you wish. OsherOnline seminars are not included in the \$100 term registration fee.
- 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 canceled 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 937-229-2605 or emailing [udolli@udayton.edu](mailto:udolli@udayton.edu). Otherwise, you may be withdrawn from the seminar.

## REFUND POLICY

If you decide not to participate after registering, you may request a refund of your \$100 term registration fee by contacting Special Programs and Continuing Education at 937-229-2605 no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2026**. Please note that a \$5 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds. **Refunds cannot be issued after this deadline.**

## 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. (True cost for a parking permit is \$45. UDOLLI supplements the remainder of the payment to keep costs low for our members.)

Please be sure to request a parking permit at the same time you register for your seminars. Parking permits may be picked up the first week of the term at the welcome tables. After that, you may stop by the office to pick up your permit. 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. If registering by phone please have ready your 1st, 2nd, and/or 3rd choices. If registering online, selections are live, so alternative choices are unnecessary but it is recommended you have alternative choices planned in case your first choice seminar is closed.

Please contact the Special Programs and Continuing Education Office prior to the registration start date 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.

## HOW TO REGISTER



### Online (Beginning Monday, February 2nd at 9 a.m.) - RECOMMENDED

#### To register online, follow the steps below:

1. Access the main UDOLLI webpage at [go.udayton.edu/udolli](http://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 by selecting Seminar Registration at the bottom of the page.
5. On the “All Seminars” page, you have the choice to scroll through all available seminars (listed alphabetically) 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 Spring 2026 term registration fee added to your cart.

#### Phone Registration



Call **937-229-2605** to talk with the Special Programs and Continuing Education registration specialist. Please be ready with your registration choices. 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 February 2nd 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, in case your 1st choice is full.
- 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).
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## MONDAY SEMINARS

### 9:30 AM

#### Architecture in Dayton

This seminar explores the institutional, civic, commercial, and residential buildings that shape our everyday surroundings—many of which participants have likely passed countless times. Focusing on some of the most recognizable buildings of the 19th through 21st centuries in Dayton and beyond, Tom Thickel examines the stories behind their designs, the architects who envisioned them, and the cultural and historical contexts in which they were created. Although this is a repeat seminar, new buildings, photographs, and updated information have been added for Spring 2026. Two optional field trips are planned. Transportation and any admission fees, if applicable, are the responsibility of participants.

#### Seminar Limit: 28

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Tom Thickel**, a UDOLLI Distinguished Instructor, is the retired President of the Dayton architectural firm of Levin Porter Architects Inc. with education, medical, arts and cultural projects in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. A Dayton native, he received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from The Ohio State University. In addition to his volunteer involvement in UDOLLI, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Culture Works and currently volunteers as a historical interpreter for Dayton History at Carillon Historical Park, Hawthorne Hill and the Patterson Homestead.

#### British Comedy Classics (NEW)

Moderator Michael McFadden leads this seminar exploring classic British comedy films featuring some of the genre's most celebrated actors. Each session will include a brief introduction to the film, a full screening, and a facilitated discussion following the viewing. Participants will examine the humor, themes, performances, and cultural context of each selection. Films to be screened and discussed include *I'm All Right Jack* (1959) starring Peter Sellers; *The Wrong Box* (1966) with Ralph Richardson; *The Man in the White Suit* (1951) and *The Ladykillers* (1955) starring Alec Guinness; and *Green for Danger* (1946) featuring Alastair Sim.

#### Seminar Limit: 48

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Michael McFadden** holds a B.S. in Education (1967) and an M.A. in History (1971), both from the University of Dayton. He began his career teaching English and social studies at Chaminade High School, where he taught from 1967 to 1973. Michael later worked as a corporate trainer with Metropolitan Life Insurance from 1979 to 1984, developing and delivering professional training programs. A lifelong film enthusiast, he is especially fond of classic British comedies and has viewed a wide range of notable films in the genre. His academic background, teaching experience, and enduring passion for film inform his engaging approach to discussion-based seminars and make him a knowledgeable and enthusiastic moderator.

## **LGBTQ+ 101: A Dialogue to Expand Understanding**

Are you perplexed by the seemingly ever evolving and expanding acronym: LGBTQIA+? What do all those letters stand for, and why are some hospitals and doctors' offices now asking about this? What's the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity? Are sex and gender the same thing, or is there a difference? Is there really a "gay lifestyle" or culture? And why is there such a focus on people who are Transgender in today's political climate?

In this seminar, all these questions will be addressed, and more. LGBTQ+ historical and cultural issues will be explored, and issues related to implicit biases and stereotypes will be examined. We will also examine US public policy, past and present, and its effects on people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, or Intersex. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and engage in healthy discussions.

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Michael Kammer** is moderating this seminar at UDOLLI for the third time. He has conducted numerous webinars, both nationally and locally, as well as in-person seminars over the years on LGBTQ+ issues as part of his 25+ year career as a Licensed Social Worker at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton. National organizations to which he has presented include the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), Aetna, and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses' Association (HPNA), among others. Locally and regionally, he has presented for CareSource, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, and several of its affiliates across Ohio. Michael also served on Ohio's Hospice of Dayton's DEI Committee and was instrumental in educating staff and leadership about LGBTQ+ aging and end-of-life issues. As an educator, he draws on extensive research, case studies, and personal experience to illuminate these topics and inform learners.

## **Sharing Y(Our) Words!**

This six-week, in-person seminar will focus on participants presenting their own written poetical works in a public forum, including open-mic sessions with fellow seminar students during class. It will culminate with a lunchtime (11:30am-12:30pm) public reading following the last two class sessions in either the cafeteria or auditorium, schedule/availability permitting.

Students will be encouraged to compose poems outside of the classroom and practice presenting their poems during the seminar session. Class maximum of 20 participants due to time/presentation constraints and fluidity of classroom participation.

### **Seminar Limit: 16**

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Steven M. Wuebker** writes from an observational perspective shaped by life as a corporate executive, culinary professional, retail associate, and lover of all things creative. He is the author of two books of poetry: Pages Torn From A Plague... (2022) and Relentless Liminality (a few collections) (2023), both released through Balboa Press, a division of Hay House. His writing evokes vivid, lasting imagery, creating mental visions that linger long after the page is turned. Steven reads with Dayton Poetry Slam, the longest-running poetry slam organization in Ohio, which has hosted poetry readings for more than 26 years. While he enjoys traveling and learning about the world, he always returns home to southwestern Ohio.

## Our American Journey

Participants will tour the Michael and Debbie Carter Center for American History at Sinclair Community College and explore Our American Journey, an immersive exhibit dedicated to telling underrepresented stories of Black history in the United States. Through artifacts, multimedia displays, and curated narratives, the Center highlights the experiences, contributions, and resilience of African Americans from the era of enslavement through the civil rights movement and beyond. This guided experience invites participants to engage with historical stories that may be unfamiliar, offering new perspectives on the nation's past and its ongoing journey toward equity and justice.

### **Seminar Limit: 20**

1 Monday, 4/27/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Off-Site, Sinclair Community College

**Michael Carter** is the Senior Vice President at Sinclair College and has spent more than 24 years working in higher education. His career also includes experience in K-12 education, where he served as a teacher, coach, and administrator. Across these roles, Michael has been deeply engaged in educational leadership, student success, and institutional development. His broad perspective across K-12 and higher education informs his thoughtful approach to teaching and discussion. Michael brings practical insight, leadership experience, and a strong commitment to learning to his work with adult learners, making his seminars both informed and engaging.

## **Primetime Prescriptions - Analyzing Direct-To-Consumer TV Ads for Prescription Medications**

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. Through discussion and case studies, we will consider how these ads shape both consumer choices and broader conversations about healthcare.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

1 Monday, 4/27/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 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.

## **12:30 PM**

## **Exploring the World of Genealogy (NEW)**

Genealogy is a fascinating field that goes far beyond simply recording names and dates, constructing family trees, or searching for records online. It is deeply rooted in people, history, stories, and memories. Genealogy does not require extensive ancestral information to begin; rather, it is an open invitation to learn about yourself, your family, your community, and history as a whole.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Angie Hoschouer Berghuis** began the search for her biological parents at the age of sixteen with no formal training. Forty plus years later, she is still researching and gathering information for both her biological and adopted families. She is passionate about guiding others in discovering their roots and preserving family legacies for future generations.

## **History of Sci-Fi Horror Films from the Silent Era to the 70's (NEW)**

This seminar explores the evolution of classic and modern horror and suspense films, ranging from The Phantom of the Opera to Halloween and Alien. Participants will view selected films and engage in guided critiques that examine themes, storytelling techniques, visual style, and cultural impact. Discussion will be an integral part of the seminar, with opportunities for participants to share insights and reflect on their own favorite films within the genre. Together, the class will consider why these films continue to captivate audiences and shape the landscape of cinematic suspense and horror.

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, 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.

## **Sin, Sex, and Sovereignty in Scripture**

Discover the Bible's most provocative tales of desire, rivalry, and power. In this six-week exploration, we'll delve into how passion and politics, seduction and sin, shaped the moral imagination of ancient Israel. These sacred stories expose a world at once divine and deeply human—where faith grapples with human frailty and holiness meets the hunger for power.

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Rabbi Judy Chessin** is the founding Rabbi of Temple Beth Or, Dayton, Ohio. Originally from Orlando, Florida, Rabbi Chessin received her undergraduate training at the University of South Florida, and her Masters and Hebrew Letters, Rabbinic Ordination, and Doctor of Divinity from the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio. Along with serving the same congregation for 40 years, Rabbi Chessin speaks extensively throughout Ohio in universities, churches, synagogues, and organizations on topics of Jewish interest. She loves teaching in the UDOLLI program.

## **Social Control and Authoritarianism in the 20th & 21st Centuries (NEW)**

This seminar uses On Tyranny by Dr. Timothy Snyder to examine the historical strategies autocratic leaders have used to gain and maintain control over civilian populations. Topics include information manipulation, economic pressure, and the use of implied or direct violence. Equal attention is given to how individuals and

communities can recognize, resist, and counter these tactics. Discussion will explore how passive compliance and the temptation to trade freedom for perceived security often enable authoritarian systems. The seminar emphasizes maintaining personal dignity, ethical agency, and civic responsibility under duress. This is not a political philosophy course and does not focus on contemporary political figures or partisan debate, but rather on well-documented historical examples and the preservation of freedom within authoritarian contexts.

### **Seminar Limit: 24**

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Victoria K. Carman** had four year Feldenkrais training and graduated as certified practitioner in 1997 and is also a certified Anat Baniel Method practitioner (2012) specializing in work with children with special needs and vitality and anti-aging (2018). She is a certified practitioner for Awareness Through Movement lessons by Feldenkrais Guild of North America. Since graduating in 1997, she has given group and individual lessons and worked in a support staff role for numeral professional Feldenkrais and Anat Baniel Method training. She continues her training through workshops, courses and classes in Feldenkrais Method, ABM, Mindful Movement, Bones for Life, etc. She also has a master's degree in architecture and civil engineering and in graphic art. Victoria lives in Kettering and works as a volunteer for Dayton Live for the last nine years while working part time giving private NeuroMovement lessons.

**Brian Mays** is an educator with academic training in psychology, biology, theology, gifted education, and philosophy. He has been teaching a variety of philosophy-related topics through UDOLLI for the past three years, drawing on his interdisciplinary background to foster thoughtful discussion and critical reflection. Brian's approach integrates scientific, philosophical, and theological perspectives, encouraging participants to explore complex ideas in an accessible and engaging way. His seminars emphasize curiosity, dialogue, and lifelong learning, making them well suited to the peer-learning environment of UDOLLI.

### **Van the Man, Part 2 - The Life and Music of Van Morrison (NEW, ZOOM)**

This seminar continues the exploration of Van Morrison's life, his music and his poetry, focusing on his mid and late career. Plenty of discussion and lots of Van Morrison music!

### **Seminar Limit: 60**

4 Mondays, 3/23/2026 – 4/20/2026 (No meeting on April 6 (in reflection of Passover)

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, 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.

### **Behind the Scenes at The Human Race Theatre Company**

This class will cover the entire process of producing the Human Race Theatre Company's season, from picking shows to opening night and beyond. Participants will learn about the financial structure of HRTC, artist involvement in the process, and get an onsite tour of the scene and costume shops.

- Session 1: Pre-production - fundraising, selecting scripts, casting and staff roles.
- Session 2: Show process - rehearsals, set design, lighting, costumes, etc. and shop tours.
- Session 3: Running a theatre organization - board, strategic planning, industry.

### **Seminar Limit: 50**

3 Mondays, 4/13/2026 – 4/27/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Off-Site & Daniel J. Curran Place (**First meeting will meet at Human Race Theatre**)

**Emily Wells** has been the Artistic Director at The Human Race Theatre Company since 2022, Dayton's professional theatre company. She is an award-winning director, producer and educator with a passion for new plays and musicals and a deep commitment to developing strong community connections within the arts.

## **3:00 PM**

### **How Things Work - The Science Behind The News**

Our modern society is immersed in science-based systems and high-tech gadgets; including GPS, satellites communication and space exploration, fiber optics and lasers, medical imaging (MRI), and emerging technologies such as Quantum Computing and Artificial Intelligence. If you wondered how these gadgets do their magic, this seminar is for you. After a review of basic concepts of modern physics, we will describe the operation principles of GPS and atomic clock, medical MRI, cryptocurrency, artificial neural networks, and quantum computers. Leave your advanced calculus and differential equations at home. All the Math that you will need will be provided.

### **Seminar Limit: 36**

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Moshe Oren** is a retired Ph.D. Physicist, worked in industry in the field of fiber optics, semiconductor lasers, holography and display technology. He produced numerous scientific papers and holds 6 patents.

### **The Legacy of Mental Institutions (NEW)**

This six -session seminar explores the history and impact of mental health institutions. Through a series of documentary viewings and discussions, participants will examine how society has defined and responded to mental illness, from the rise of asylums to the transition toward community-based care. The seminar highlights the experiences of those who lived and worked within institutional settings and considers how cultural attitudes, policy decisions, and treatment practices have shaped mental health care over time. Each session encourages critical thinking about the balance between care and control, the ethics of institutional treatment, and how the legacy of these systems continues to influence modern mental health approaches.

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Abigail Marxen** is a graduate student in School Psychology at the University of Dayton and a graduate of Ohio University, where she earned a degree in Psychology. She was raised in an Appalachian community shaped by the legacy of large mental health institutions and the lasting effects of deinstitutionalization. These early experiences exposed her to gaps in community-based care and the ongoing impact of mental health

policy on families and schools. Abigail's academic interests focus on mental health systems, ethics of care, and the historical and social forces that continue to influence modern mental health practices, particularly in underserved and rural communities.

## **The Real "Sound of Music" (NEW)**

"The Sound of Music" recently celebrated its 60th anniversary and remains one of the most beloved movies in film history. In this seminar we will examine the stories behind the story, and get to know the real Maria, Captain, and eldest daughter through their own books. We will also view: "The Trapp Family Singers," the original German movie which served as the basis for the Broadway show and Hollywood movie, and its sequel, "The Von Trapp Family in America"; "The Von Trapp Family: A Life of Music," based on a book by the eldest Von Trapp daughter, and several documentaries.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

6 Mondays, 3/16/2026 – 4/20/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Robin Smith** was born in Dayton, Ohio, and has also lived in Washington, D.C., and Europe. While stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Germany in the 1980s, she earned a B.A. in Modern European History through the University of Maryland. She has a Master of Humanities degree from Wright State University and has had articles published in various history journals and has recently moderated two UDOLLI seminars on World War I literature.

## **Codename Delmar: Soviet Spy in Dayton (NEW)**

Explore the intersection of Dayton's history and the shadowy world of George Koval, the American-born Soviet spy codenamed "Delmar," who infiltrated the Manhattan Project and altered the course of the nuclear arms race. The two-hour seminar will unravel Koval's life as a Soviet spy in Dayton, the programs that he accessed, and his escape to Russia. We will discuss his hidden motivations to commit espionage and his profound but largely covert impact on the United States' post-World War II spy hunts.

### **Seminar Limit: 40**

1 Monday, 4/27/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, 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. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Ursinus College and an M.A. in International Affairs from the American University. He and his wife recently relocated to Dayton.

## TUESDAY SEMINARS

### 9:30 AM

#### **America's History Museums: A User's Guide (NEW)**

America's History Museums began modestly before the Civil War but flourished after the American Centennial Celebration in Philadelphia in 1876. Along the way they refined what they collected and how they interpreted those objects to their visitors. Today they are by far the largest subcategory of museums, much more numerous than museums of art, science and natural history. And they have moved from almost religious worship of the founding fathers to careful professional storytelling and the tackling of issue and ideas embedded in the American story. Now instead of static displays of "cabinets of curiosities", museums use artifacts large and small, common and rare, as well as audio, video, graphics, and live interpreters to tell tales of life in the past.

#### **Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Steve Germann** holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in history and museum studies. He spent forty years working in history museums in Ohio, Montana and Michigan. After serving as a curator, educator and director, he spent 15 years as a consultant to clients across the country helping them in areas of strategic planning, exhibit design and fabrication, program development and facility planning and design.

#### **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.

#### **Seminar Limit: 20**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Greg Humphrey** spent nearly 22 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force, including more than nine years as an instructor in the Air Force Enlisted Professional Military Education system. During that time, he taught leadership, management, and communication skills at multiple levels and earned Master Instructor status. After retiring from active duty, Greg worked for approximately seven years in Human Resources at the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He has since devoted much of his time to community service, including teaching basic reading skills and English as a Second Language, helping establish a community garden in Dayton's Grafton Hill Historic District, serving on the Grafton Hill Association board, and supporting the Dayton International Peace Museum for nearly two decades.

## **Exploring the Many Wonders of Ireland (NEW)**

Ireland is a land bursting with natural beauty, legends, folklore, music, dance, literature, language and dramatic history. Many Americans have visited the country, thanks to deep family connections or interest. Let's explore what makes the Emerald Isle such a fascinating place to see and enjoy.

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**James Tyler**, former special sections editor for the Dayton Daily News and editor of the Skywrighter newspaper for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, has traveled to Ireland several times, including a two-week, self-driving trip around the country. In 2023 he participated in a study abroad program through Sinclair College, coordinating with the Institute of Study Abroad Ireland, Bundoran, Donegal, Ireland. In addition to collecting Irish music and literature, he has been studying the Irish language for six years.

## **Helpful Lessons on Later Life: Meaning, Mystery & Renewal (NEW)**

*“In this short life that only lasts an hour, how much—how little—is within our power.”* —Emily Dickinson

Through a blend of lecture, video, music, art, poetry, meditation, and guided discussion, this seminar invites participants to reflect on the deeper dimensions of later life. The course explores aging as a shift from achievement toward significance, considers the nature of happiness and inner wisdom, and examines how meaning, mystery, and soul deepen with time. Attention is given to letting go through trust and non-attachment, addressing experiences of disruption, loss, and longing, and reflecting on the profound lessons mortality can teach. The seminar also highlights the healing power of awe and encounters with the transcendent, offering space for reflection, renewal, and shared insight.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Roger Fortman** has been a consultant executive coach, teacher and licensed clinical counselor for over 35 years. He has worked with UDOLLI for the past 16 years as a consultant, moderator and more recently a UDOLLI Board member. He has been a national presenter for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in Washington DC and a leadership instructor for the University of Dayton's Center for Leadership. At Wright State University, he taught graduate classes for the Division of Professional Development.

## **Amendments to the U.S. Constitution (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: 60**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 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.

## 12:30 PM

### **"One Nation Under God" -- But Whose God and to What Ends? (NEW)**

In this seminar we explore the dangers of Christian Nationalism and related apocalyptic and end-time movements. These movements are by all reports growing and cast a dark cloud over America in this hyper-polarized political moment. Adherents to these religio-political movements have the goal of turning America into a theocracy: One nation under God; but their God and for their ends. Those associated with these movements typically see themselves as literally girding their loins for what they contend to be the final battle between Good and Evil. Scholars and social critics suggest that there are legions among us who have one unshakeable goal: To establish in the United States the Kingdom of God, one ruled by the Elect, and premised on authoritarian and patriarchal principles. Their objective is to radically remake key aspects of American government and education so as to impose their version of Christianity and morality upon the rest of us. This seminar will challenge participants to reflect on the rise of these troubling religio-political movements within contemporary American Christianity; movements that can only be viewed as a perversion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### **Seminar Limit: 60**

5 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/14/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, 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 ten years he directed doctoral programs in higher education leadership and adult education. A Distinguished Moderator with UDOLLI, Ed has developed and offered nearly 40 original seminars. An ordained United Methodist clergyperson, Ed has sometimes moderated provocative seminars that raise important moral and ethical issues and is a trained group facilitator.

### **Archaeology 101: Adventures Into The Past**

Discover long-lost cities, explore towering pyramids, and peer into ancient tombs. Experience an archaeological adventure designed to answer core questions from the discipline. How do archaeologists know where to search? What is the proper way to excavate? How are sites dated? What information do artifacts reveal? We'll meet charismatic people, learn the tools of the trade, and wrestle with the ethics of studying past cultures. Our travels take us to exotic places like ancient Mesoamerica, imperial China, and the Nile Valley. Finally, we'll arrive back in Ohio to uncover our own region's fascinating history.

#### **Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**John Meixner** has been a professional instructor throughout his career. He spends most of his free time traveling the world and researching ancient history. He has a degree in archaeology, specializing in Mediterranean civilizations.

### **Soundtrack of Your Life**

This seminar invites participants on a musical journey to discover the personal soundtrack of their lives. Through guided reflection and discussion, the course explores how music influences us physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and how it evokes powerful memories of people, places, and formative experiences. Participants will engage in informal writing activities—such as brainstorming and freewriting—using prompts related to family,

life stages, meaningful lyrics, first concerts, and music associated with transformation or healing. These reflections will help each participant select 10 - 12 songs that represent their unique life soundtrack. Mini-narratives about each song will be developed into a personal essay. Song lyrics and short audio clips will also be examined, encouraging thoughtful reflection on the enduring role of music in one's life.

### **Seminar Limit: 20**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Rick Strader** is retired from teaching in the English Department at Wright State University, where he taught for over 30 years. Rick has moderated several UDOLLI seminars, including The Soundtrack of Your Life, which were well-received. He won several teaching awards at WSU and received excellent student evaluations consistently in his seminars and online at ratemyprofessors.com. Rick received his Bachelor of Science in English education and his Master of Arts degrees in English from Wright State.

## **Starry, Starry Night: Experiencing the Wonders of the Universe**

It's everywhere, accessible to anyone. It offers glimpses millions of years into the past, yet is always new. Though most of it is impossibly distant to visit in person, it has been an inseparable part of human culture for millennia. It is the night sky. No previous skygazing experience, astronomy textbook, or telescope is needed, just curiosity and simple tools which I will introduce. Discover new cosmic realms and revisit familiar ones. Learn how the universe's diverse objects are born, mature, interact, and fade away. With time, patience, and quiet night moments, you may even perceive "the music of the spheres."

### **Seminar Limit: 36**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Bill Russo** is a retired electronics engineer and Sinclair College professor who developed a lifelong interest in the heavens as a result of elementary school field trips to the American Museum of Natural History - Hayden Planetarium in New York City. He holds a Master of Engineering degree from Cornell University.

## **Zentangle 2**

In this class you will learn more Zentangle patterns using tiles of different background colors, both square and round. Expand your creativity and focus while enjoying this relaxing meditative art form. Because this is an advanced class, you must have taken a beginning Zentangle class taught by a Certified Zentangle Teacher either at UDOLLI or another location.

### **Seminar Limit: 20**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Peg Farmer** became a Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT) in May, 2010, and has been teaching Zentangle at UDOLLI since 2011. In addition, she has taught many Zentangle classes throughout the years in other locations. Before retirement she worked in social services, and public and private administration. In addition to Zentangle, her hobbies include reading, cardmaking, supporting the Dayton Dragons through the Dragon Friends Booster Club, playing Native American flutes, and building LEGO kits.

## 3:00 PM

### **Europe's Great Cathedrals, Basilicas, and Abbeys: Feats of Faith, Ambition, Pride, Engineering, Art, and Endurance**

Moderator Bill Schuerman explores the rise of monumental cathedrals, basilicas, and abbeys as civilization re-emerged in medieval Europe. These extraordinary structures reflect centuries of faith, ambition, artistic achievement, and engineering ingenuity. The seminar examines why these buildings were constructed, the religious, civic, and cultural purposes they served, and how they were designed to endure across generations. Participants will gain insight into the historical context, architectural innovations, and human vision that shaped some of Europe's most enduring and awe-inspiring landmarks.

#### **Seminar Limit: 70**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Dr. Bill Schuerman** is a retired UD VP/Dean and professor. For 27 years he taught classes in early European history. He has moderated UDOLLI seminars for 25 years and served on the UDOLLI Board of Advisors. Bill and his wife Ann have traveled extensively in Europe and explored scores of its historically significant churches and cathedrals.

### **Spinning the Playlist: Stories, Styles, and Sounds in Music (NEW)**

This seminar offers a lively and eclectic exploration of music, with a different moderator leading each week's session. Each moderator will focus on a specific genre, influential musician, or distinctive musical theme. Topics may include the British Invasion, the first class inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, jazz performances through video, and the enduring appeal of novelty songs. Together, these sessions create a varied and engaging musical "playlist," inviting participants to discover new perspectives, revisit familiar favorites, and enjoy the richness and diversity of musical expression.

#### **Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, 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.

### **The World Cup – The True Sports World Championship**

The world's most popular sport, soccer, is coming to North America this Summer. Take this class and impress your friends with knowledge of the sport and the World Cup. This presentation is for persons who know nothing about soccer and those who love this "beautiful game". This presentation covers the history of soccer/football, both men's and women's, in the US and worldwide, with special emphasis on the World Cup. I will use popular media (Ted Lasso, Fever Pitch) and information and videos from FIFA, the official organization overseeing the World Cup. I will preview the upcoming 2026 Men's World Cup that takes place across the US, Canada, and Mexico (the first continent-wide World Cup).

**Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/21/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Carl Brun** is a retired social worker whose career focused primarily on serving children and families in both Dayton and Chicago. He later spent 27 years as a professor of social work at Wright State University, where he taught and mentored students preparing for careers in human services. In addition to his professional work, Carl is a lifelong soccer enthusiast. He played club soccer in high school and college and continued playing in a recreational league in Dayton. He closely follows both the men's and women's World Cups and looks forward to attending the 2026 World Cup, which will be hosted across the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

## **UDOLLI AT NIGHT (6:00 PM)**

### **Edgar Allan Poe - His Life and Works (NEW)**

Moderator Jill Hitt leads an exploration of the life and literary legacy of Edgar Allan Poe, one of America's most influential and enigmatic writers. This seminar examines Poe's life, the personal and cultural influences that shaped his work, and the writers and genres he inspired in turn. Participants will take a closer look at selected short stories and poems, alongside a high-level survey of many of his major works. Through discussion and analysis, the seminar offers insight into Poe's enduring impact on literature, popular culture, and the gothic imagination.

**Seminar Limit: 70**

3 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 3/31/2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Jill Hitt** is a retired IT professional and has been enjoying UDOLLI classes for a couple years. She would like to give back to UDOLLI by moderating topics she enjoys.

### **Advanced Beginner Mah Jongg: Practice & Play (NEW, ZOOM)**

Ready to take your Mah Jongg skills to the next level?

Now that you've learned the basics, join us for an enjoyable, interactive class focused on strategy, especially how to choose the best hand and strengthen your overall gameplay. This seminar is ideal for players who already know how to build walls, deal, complete the Charleston, and pick-rack-discard. We'll be using the 2025 National Mah Jongg League card, which will be provided. Come ready to build confidence, sharpen your strategy, and deepen your love of the game!

**ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES:** Please order the 2026 National Mah Jongg League card.

**Seminar Limit: 14**

4 Tuesdays, 3/17/2026 – 4/7/2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Online

**Michelle Chaplin Partlow** has taught Mah Jongg for 10 years in Continuing Education Programs, OLLI programs, privately and online. She receives outstanding reviews and has been lauded for being patient and an engaging teacher. Her courses are hands-on in which every participant is involved. The goals of the course are to build skills and create a learning community so students can play with others after the course. Handouts are provided for each class. Science says Mah Jongg is beneficial for memory difficulties, positively affects your mood, and improves concentration.

## **Support Starts with Self-Care (NEW)**

Do you ever feel unsure of what to say when someone close to you is struggling with their mental health? Or find yourself emotionally drained trying to help? In today's fast-paced world, supporting others starts with caring for our own wellbeing. This interactive workshop offers practical, evidence-based strategies to help you support loved ones facing mental health challenges—while also building your own resilience. Together, we'll explore how to foster empathy, strengthen emotional wellness, and create a culture of compassion that uplifts us all.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

1 Tuesday, 4/7/2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Angela Nedeff** is an RN, a national board-certified health and wellness coach, holistic stress management instructor, and a Reiki master practitioner. Additionally, she holds a lifestyle medicine coach certificate and is a certified mental health first aid instructor. Angela's mission is clear: to help individuals move away from the patterns that lead to burnout and chronic disease, and step into habits that cultivate lasting energy, balance, and well-being—body, mind, and spirit. With a unique blend of clinical expertise, creative teaching, and evidence-based strategies, she delivers engaging experiences that leave audiences informed, empowered, and inspired to take action.

## **An Adoptee's Search for Her Biological Parents**

Adopted at the age of three and a half, Angie Hoschouer Berghuis reminisces about her earliest childhood memories including time spent at Shawen Acres as one of the last group of children to live at that facility; her foster parents' home where she recalls a red tractor and a purple room; and her drive to find her biological parents as a teenager and adult. Angie will share with you the harsh realities of her childhood circumstances and how she came to find both of her biological parents.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

1 Tuesday, 4/14/2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Angie Hoschouer Berghuis** began the search for her biological parents at the age of sixteen with no formal training. Forty plus years later, she is still researching and gathering information for both her biological and adopted families. She is passionate about guiding others in discovering their roots and preserving family legacies for future generations.

## **Clinical Nutrition Approaches to Common Diseases (NEW)**

In this seminar, Dr. Dyer examines several of the most commonly treated—and often successfully managed—conditions seen in clinical practice through the lens of clinical nutrition. Rather than focusing solely on diagnostic labels, the seminar emphasizes a whole-body approach to health, exploring how improving foundational health can positively influence a wide range of conditions. Participants will gain insight into nutrition-based strategies used in real clinical settings and consider how addressing underlying nutritional needs can support healing and long-term wellness. This seminar offers a practical, systems-oriented perspective on health and disease management.

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

2 Tuesdays, 4/14/2026 – 4/21/2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Dr. Andrew Dyer** has been in active chiropractic, clinical nutrition and acupuncture practice for the last two decades in Centerville, OH. He enjoys working with patients to help regain or maintain their health with any combination of the disciplines that he practices. He is one of the hosts for a weekly talk-radio program on WHIO from 11 to Noon every Saturday called, "Take2Healthcare: Your Guide to Better Living."

## In Peace and War: Franklin Delano Roosevelt (ZOOM)

Nearly every poll of presidential scholars ranks Franklin D. Roosevelt among the top five American presidents—most often in the top three. This two-hour Zoom seminar examines why FDR commands such enduring respect. The discussion begins with the idea that presidential greatness is forged through extraordinary challenges, placing Roosevelt alongside George Washington and Abraham Lincoln at pivotal moments in U.S. history. The first hour explores FDR's background and the personal and political trials that prepared him to lead the nation through the Great Depression. The second hour focuses on his final two terms, as he guided the United States and its allies through World War II. The seminar concludes with a balanced assessment of Roosevelt's achievements, limitations, and lasting legacy.

### Seminar Limit: 60

1 Tuesday, 4/21/2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, 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. As a UDOLLI Distinguished Moderator and frequent guest speaker in other UDOLLI courses, Dr. Baker very much looks forward to offering this course.



## WEDNESDAY SEMINARS

### 9:30 AM

#### A History of The Beatles, Part 2

This is a follow-up seminar to The History of The Beatles, Part 1, which was presented in Fall, 2025. (Attendance at that seminar is not required). Here, we will study this iconic band from the end of their touring days in the summer of 1966, through their official break-up in 1970. We'll examine their albums, business ventures, personal lives and try to answer what led to their inevitable break-up. Discussion will include analysis from some of the world's foremost music critics focusing on the remarkable song writing of John Lennon and Paul McCartney. We'll also hear from other Beatles insiders and the band members themselves.

**PLEASE NOTE:** it will be necessary to start our final class on April 22, twenty minutes early at 9:10 so as to include all the relevant information.

#### Seminar Limit: 48

6 Wednesdays, 3/18/2026 – 4/22/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Pat Crews** has moderated several seminars on The Beatles and recently presented a seminar on The Rolling Stones. Pat is retired from the University of Dayton. Her and her husband Steve recently went on a Beatles tour of London and Liverpool with Scott Freiman, whose video series, "Deconstructing The Beatles," is used extensively in this seminar.

**Steve Crews** has a background in law enforcement having served on the Dayton Police Dept for 38 years. Pat is retired from the University of Dayton where she worked in Alumni Relations and Advancement. Both are avid music fans and have a large collection of music book, albums and art. They have taught several classes on The Beatles as well as The Rolling Stones. In 2023 they accompanied Beatles expert Scott Frieman, whose material is used in class on a Beatles history tour of New York, London and Liverpool.

#### A Journaling Club: Listen, Write, Discuss (NEW)

Moderator Jude Walsh has kept journals since age twelve, using writing to reflect on daily life, travel, reading, creativity, and personal experiences. This seminar invites participants to move journaling from a solitary practice into a shared, reflective space. Each session begins with a brief reading or prompt from published writers, followed by 25 minutes of quiet writing. The group then comes together for discussion. Sharing personal writing is optional; attentive listening and participation in discussion are expected. Participants should bring a pen and paper or a laptop, along with curiosity and an open mind.

#### Seminar Limit: 18

4 Wednesdays, 3/18/2026 – 4/8/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 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 (SheWrites Press). She is a UDOLLI Distinguished Moderator, offering seminars on Legacy Writing, Journaling, Writing Your Way into Retirement, and Substack.

## **Breaking Open the Sin of Racism**

Breaking Open the Sin of Racism is an 8-part video series by scholars at the University of Dayton and Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School. The video series and discussion guide are prepared for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for use by faith-organizations. The series begins with a macro global and historical examination of race and racism. Then progresses to a micro examination of the interpersonal impact of race and racism. Mary Beth plans to provide ample time for small and large group sharing during this seminar. Mary Beth has moderated this seminar at St. Charles Borromeo Church and in Spring 2025 at UDOLLI.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

5 Wednesdays, 3/18/2026 – 4/15/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Mary Beth Thomas** is a retired teacher, having spent most of her time in Kindergarten. She received her Masters Degree in Educational Administration from UD, but decided to stay in the classroom and work with the most important people, the children. After leaving the classroom, Mary Beth was a PAX Good Behavior Game Partner and an Instructional Coach before retiring so she could become a student at UDOLLI. She is on the Volunteer Committee and has been a Liaison for several seminars. She moderated this seminar at St. Charles Borromeo Church and at UDOLLI in the Spring 2025 term.

## **Retirement Dialogues: Fostering New Pathways for Modern Elders (NEW)**

Retirement doesn't look like it did in our parents' time. Medical advances, coupled with more attention to diet and exercise have set the stage for more vibrant modern elders who are too young to be done. In turn, the concept of retirement may be in need of a reboot. In this series, we'll explore research, case studies, and longevity tips to ultimately chart out what's working, what's not, and what future tweaks are needed to create aging pathways built to last.

- Session 1: Work & Retirement;
- Session 2: Money Matters;
- Session 3: Communication & Social Engagement

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

3 Wednesdays, 4/15/2026 – 4/29/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Donna Kastner** is Managing Director at Age Well Dayton, a dynamic hub where she's connecting the age 60+ segment with insights and resources to help them age more gracefully. As a champion for happy and healthy aging, she's producing podcasts, publications and events to help modern elders (and their families) connect the dots faster and better. Previously, as a Del Mar Encore Fellow with The Dayton Foundation, Donna was instrumental in launching and growing the Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network, which now includes fifteen communities.

## **Watching Spring Happen in MetroParks**

Watch spring unfold with trips to three different MetroParks as we discover the variety and beauty of ephemeral wildflowers and spring trees and shrubs. Each week a different park, each week a wonderful experience!

### **Seminar Limit: 20**

3 Wednesdays, 4/15/2026 – 4/29/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Off-Site (To Be Announced by Moderator)

**Betty Hoevel** is an Education Coordinator for Five Rivers MetroParks and is responsible for Sustainable Horticulture, nature appreciation, and park history programs. She has an MA from Rice University. A lifelong gardener and veteran of the green industry, she creates, coordinates, and teaches sustainable gardening and history classes and gives park tours at MetroParks, develops and oversees programming and features for Wegerzyn's Children's Discovery Garden, and presents gardening talks for news programs, local clubs and organizations. Betty has presented several MetroParks seminars for UDOLLI.

## 12:30 PM

### **Barbecuing & Grilling Made Simple - On Your Equipment (ZOOM)**

The art and science of cooking, grilling & smoking meats and most foods is presented. I project live demonstrations via Zoom from my home. Every aspect of this art form is presented - including various types of equipment & fuels, spice rubs, meats, cooking times and temperatures, techniques, sauces, serving and party ideas. You will learn to grill and smoke almost anything with confidence. Your family & friends will be amazed with your skills!

#### **Seminar Limit: 20**

3 Wednesdays, 3/18/2026 – 4/1/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Online

**Tom Perry** is a serious hobby chef with an extensive background in barbecuing and grilling. A native Texan, he has explored regional barbecue traditions across the United States and beyond, bringing both breadth and depth of experience to his teaching. Tom has taught grilling and smoking techniques for many years through UDOLLI and the Dorothy Lane Market Culinary Center. His hands-on experience spans a wide range of equipment, including patio grills, pellet grills, smokers, competition smokers, wood-fired ovens, and open-fire cooking. Drawing on this comprehensive background, Tom helps learners build both skill and confidence in preparing outstanding grilled and smoked meats—as well as a variety of other foods. His seminars are taught live via Zoom from his home kitchen, offering an engaging and practical learning experience.

### **Flexible Breathing and Movement**

Would you like to increase your breathing capacity and flexibility, improve your energy level, meet stress with greater resilience, feel and sleep better? Anyone can achieve these outcomes by greatly improving breathing quality. By following the innovative, simple, easy, safe and pleasurable Feldenkrais Method® and ABM lessons, based on program “Breathing for Life”, you increase the mobility, awareness of your rib cage, spine, sternum, lungs, diaphragm - all parts that need to be available for breathing. New patterns will be formed in your brain, leading to positive transformation in breathing and movement, greater peace of mind, clarity of thinking.

#### **Seminar Limit: 30**

6 Wednesdays, 3/18/2026 – 4/22/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Victoria K. Carman** had four year Feldenkrais training and graduated as certified practitioner in 1997

and is also a certified Anat Baniel Method practitioner (2012) specializing in work with children with special needs and vitality and anti-aging (2018). She is a certified practitioner for Awareness Through Movement lessons by Feldenkrais Guild of North America. Since graduating in 1997, she has given group and individual lessons and worked in a support staff role for numeral professional Feldenkrais and Anat Baniel Method training. She continues her training through workshops, courses and classes in Feldenkrais Method, ABM, Mindful Movement, Bones for Life, etc. She also has a master's degree in architecture and civil engineering and in graphic art. Victoria lives in Kettering and works as a volunteer for Dayton Live for the last nine years while working part time giving private NeuroMovement lessons.

## **Peace Corps: Around the World in Six Weeks**

For 65 years, American Peace Corps volunteers have ventured forth and devoted two or more years of their lives to developing countries around the world. This seminar will feature several guest speakers telling their stories of service, travel, adventure, heartache, and success. There will be new speakers, mostly from new countries other than those explored in spring of 2025. Count on hearing moving tales of human connections that changed the volunteers lives and have enriched our country as well.

### **Seminar Limit: 50**

6 Wednesdays, 3/18/2026 – 4/22/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Jim Brooks** is a retired English teacher from Chaminade Julienne High School and the Ohio Writing Project at Miami University. He served in the Peace Corps in South Korea from 1973-77 as a middle school English teacher who also conducted ongoing workshops for Korean English teachers. He also taught for one year at an all-women's teacher's college in Seoul and trained new volunteers.

## **Using Stock Options to Supplement Your Income**

This seminar introduces participants to the fundamentals of using stock options as part of an investment strategy. The course explores the potential benefits and risks of using put and call options to supplement income, increase returns, and protect stock positions from significant losses. Participants will also learn how limit orders can be used effectively when buying and selling stocks or options. Instruction will include short YouTube videos and demonstrations using the Fidelity Investments trading platform to illustrate portfolio management concepts. Guided discussion will focus on building a personalized investment portfolio and practicing hypothetical trades in a structured, educational environment.

### **Seminar Limit: 24**

4 Wednesdays, 3/18/2026 – 4/8/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Gregory Iammarino** is a retired Chief Executive Officer with extensive experience leading manufacturing organizations. During his career, he successfully managed two manufacturing companies employing more than 175 people. For over 60 years, Gregory has actively managed his own investment portfolio and currently oversees more than \$9 million in investments for friends and family members. He holds a B.B.A. in Finance and Accounting from Cleveland State University. Gregory is a member of the Dayton Society of Chartered Financial Analysts and previously served a two-year term as a board member of the Society. He brings deep practical experience in business leadership, finance, and investment management to his seminars.

## **Poetry and Nature**

From the Romantics to the contemporary poetry scene poets have always been inspired by nature. We will read lots of poems with the theme of nature.

### **Seminar Limit: 36**

6 Wednesdays, 3/25/2026 – 4/29/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, 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.

## **The 6th "Vital Sign" - Walking Speed (NEW, ZOOM)**

The five vital signs that measure a person's health are blood pressure, body temperature, breathing rate, heart rate, and pain. However another vital sign that is becoming clinically recognized as a critical indicator of health is walking speed. In a recent meta-analysis review, walking speed was a highly accurate predictor of life expectancy than just age or gender. In fact, walking speed predicted other health indicators such as cognitive function, mental, and physical well-being. Within this series we will explore a set of studies scientists used to make these claims and what we can do to live longer, healthier lives.

### **Seminar Limit: 60**

4 Wednesdays, 4/8/2026 – 4/29/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Online

**Timothy Reissman** is an Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Dayton. He received his Doctorate from Cornell University and was a NIH postdoctoral fellow at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (now Shirley Ryan Ability Lab). His work specializes in rehabilitation research and development of assistive technologies.

## **Let's Play Bocce! (NEW)**

Tossing balls toward a target is the oldest game known to man. Eventually this game came to be known as Bocce. No portrayal of Italy is complete without an image of people playing bocce in a town square. Come learn to play Bocce at the courts of The John Pirelli Lodge (The Italian Club) located at 2625 County Line Rd, Beavercreek, Ohio. 45430, where people of all ages, nationalities, and athletic ability are welcome.

**ADDITIONAL FEE:** There is a one-time fee of \$10.00 paid to the Moderator at the first meeting.

### **Seminar Limit: 50**

3 Wednesdays, 4/15/2026 – 4/29/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Off-Site, The John Pirelli Lodge (Beavercreek, Ohio)

**Elaine Long** is a retired Spanish teacher with 36 years of experience in education. Since retiring, she has remained actively engaged in lifelong learning and teaching through UDOLLI, where she has presented several well-received seminars, including Spain and The Camino. Elaine brings a deep appreciation for language, culture, and travel to her courses, drawing on both her professional background and personal interests. She is also a longtime member of the John Pirelli Lodge (The Italian Club) in Dayton, Ohio, further reflecting her passion for European cultures and traditions. Her seminars invite participants to explore history, language, and cultural connections in an engaging and accessible way.

## 3:00 PM

### Doctor Who Meets St. Thomas Aquinas (NEW)

Since the time of Sophocles and before, humanity has used dramatic arts to explore theology and philosophy. This class explores some of the theology of the Summa through the classic British sci-fi TV show.

#### Seminar Limit: 24

6 Wednesdays, 3/18/2026 – 4/22/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Jean Cotting** is a PhD student in Theology with extensive experience teaching at the undergraduate level. She has taught REL 103 for four years and an upper-level elective, Introduction to Anglican Christianity, for two years. Jean is currently preparing for her comprehensive exams and dissertation. An Episcopal priest, she has served as the pastor of a small congregation in Xenia for the past three and a half years. With her formal theological training and active pastoral ministry, Jean brings both academic rigor and lived experience to the classroom. Her involvement with UDOLLI allows her to continue her passion for teaching while engaging adult learners in thoughtful, reflective exploration of religious traditions, theology, and practice.

### Influenza Pandemic 1918 and Covid 2018

The influenza pandemic of 1918-19 killed 50-100 million people. Reasons for such fatality included: The influenza variant was highly virulent and infectious. Young adults were killed by their own immune responses. Medical education and practice in the United States was often defective. Government political decisions (elections and World War I) blocked valid scientific recommendations and even spread the disease. This series of talks will examine these factors and explain how diseases spread (epidemiology). It will look at lessons learned. It will also examine the current Covid pandemic in light of these lessons.

#### Seminar Limit: 25

6 Wednesdays, 3/18/2026 – 4/22/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Rev. William Stang M.D.**, taught 40+ years as a professor of biology at St. Joseph's College, Indiana. He taught anatomy, human and cellular physiology, histology and microbiology/immunology. He also was dean and teacher in the College's liberal art core program, where courses were team-taught using readings, lectures and small group discussion. Fr. Stang's degrees include: M.A. Microbiology, Indiana State University; M. Div. Catholic Theological Union and M.D. Indiana University School of Medicine. He is a retired Chaplain (COL) United States Army.

### William Faulkner's Short Stories (NEW)

In this seminar we will be reading and discussing about a dozen of Faulkner's short stories, all available in Collected Stories of William Faulkner, available in paperback from Thriftbooks or Amazon. The reading list will be distributed at the first meeting.

**REQUIRED TEXT:** It would be helpful to read "A Rose for Emily" before the first meeting.

#### Seminar Limit: 25

6 Wednesdays, 3/18/2026 – 4/22/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Mary Ann 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.

## **The Nineteenth: American Women and the Vote**

It took over 70 years of political activism for women in the United States to obtain the legal right to vote. As one historian has noted, this was one of the longest, most successful and most radical challenges ever posed to the American system of electoral politics. How did the suffragists achieve this victory, what obstacles did they face, what have been the impacts of the female vote, and what is the current status of the women's vote? These are some of the topics to be covered in this seminar.

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

4 Wednesdays, 4/8/2026 – 4/29/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Dianne Herman** is a retired social worker, who also taught part-time in the Sociology Department at Sinclair for 30 years. She holds a BA from the University of California at Berkeley, with a major in Political Science and History and an MA in Political Science from the Pennsylvania State University.

## **Exploring the Region's World-Class Bike Trails**

The Dayton area is blessed with a 360+ mile system of interconnected, paved, off-road bike paths. This active participation seminar will provide an opportunity to explore various sections of the trail system and experience the great opportunities offered for outdoor activity. Each week participants will meet at different access points of the trail system and enjoy a 12 to 18 mile roundtrip ride through parkland and along rivers on well maintained, paved bike paths. The rides will normally include a stop for lunch at a restaurant.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is an "active participation" seminar and requires a level of fitness and equipment appropriate for bicycling for 20 miles, including ability to transport bikes to weekly starting points. If you have not ridden a bike for years you are advised to train adequately for weeks prior to the beginning of the seminar. The bike paths permit class 1 and 2 electric assisted bikes. Class 3 e-bikes are not permitted. There will be one "classroom meeting" for participants on April 29 at 4:30 PM to review information regarding equipment/gear, weekly riding options, trail maps, safety issues and to sign university required release forms. A room assignment will be sent to participants prior to the class meeting. The bike riding dates will be the 5 Wednesdays, starting May 6 through June 3 from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m.

### **Seminar Limit: 18**

6 Wednesdays, 4/29/2026 – 6/3/2026

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Off-Site (April 29th meets at Curran Place at 4:30 PM; following meetings will be announced by Moderator)

**Ann Schuerman** and her husband, Bill have ridden bikes for recreation for 35 years. They do not consider themselves "real bikers" (century or half century rides) but enjoy biking as a regular form of exercise and an adjunct to travel. They have enjoyed 25 biking trips in European countries.

**Dr. Bill Schuerman** is a retired UD VP/Dean and professor. For 27 years he taught classes in early European history. He has moderated UDOLLI seminars for 25 years and served on the UDOLLI Board of Advisors. Bill and his wife Ann have traveled extensively in Europe and explored scores of its historically significant churches and cathedrals.

## THURSDAY SEMINARS

### 9:30 AM

#### A Lincoln Portrait

Many consider Abraham Lincoln to be America's greatest president, but his life, his beliefs and his actions still provoke questions and debate even today. This seminar will take a close look at the life and times of the 16th president, utilizing the voluminous body of research and writing about him. How did his humble origins in the western borderland between North and South, together with the unusual qualities of personal character and insight that many came to see in him, lead to a life of profound significance for America and for the world?

#### Seminar Limit: 70

6 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/23/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 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, The Gilded Age, and the Progressive Era.

#### Anyone Can Take Great Photos

This interactive, two-part seminar is designed for photographers of all levels who want to create stronger, more compelling images—regardless of camera type or technical settings.

- Part I: Capture the Moment focuses on the essential skills behind great photography, including choosing effective subjects, creating emotional impact, understanding composition, and learning key photographic principles—and when it makes sense to break them.
- Part II: Hands-On Photo Review invites participants to bring their own images for guided group discussion. The moderator will demonstrate potential edits and recompositions using Photoshop, illustrating how small adjustments can significantly enhance a photograph. Together, the sessions emphasize seeing, refining, and strengthening visual storytelling.

#### Seminar Limit: 25

2 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 3/26/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Stephen Goldberg** is an accomplished local photographer and a dedicated business mentor with SCORE, a non-profit organization that offers free expert guidance and resources to small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. Stephen's photographic credentials include his current role as Vice President of the Focus Photo Club, an active member in the Tripod Camera Club, and Distinguished Moderator at the University of Dayton's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (UDOLLI). He is passionate about sharing his knowledge of photography, having hosted various seminars at UDOLLI and the Washington Township Library system, and even participated in an artist's workshop in Budapest. His work has been recognized, with several of his photographs featured in a private exhibition at the Dayton Art Institute. Through his lens, Stephen enjoys capturing and sharing the world around him.

## **International Murder Mystery Videos VII: Murder Most British (NEW)**

This seminar will present foreign TV mysteries produced or filmed within The British Commonwealth. Participants will learn about the actors, creators, and locations of these mystery series. Cultural differences and similarities will be highlighted as well as sources for viewing more episodes of each series. All videos will be subtitled due to foreign languages or heavy accents.

### **Seminar Limit: 20**

6 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/23/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Luanne Handley-Blair** is a civilian retiree from the US Air Force where she worked in logistics and acquisition program management. She has degrees in Comparative Literature from The Ohio State University and Logistics Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Though she has never written, directed or produced a mystery video – let alone a foreign one – she has always enjoyed reading and watching mysteries.

## **Take Charge of Your Wealth**

No matter what age or stage of life you are in, having a financial plan is vital. But have you ever felt overwhelmed at the thought of a financial plan? Do you not know where to begin in terms of how to manage your investments? This class discusses all the complexities of a financial plan and managing your investments so you can take charge of your wealth!

### **Seminar Limit: 24**

5 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/16/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Grace Valentine** graduated from the University of Dayton where she completed a bachelor's in Finance. Throughout college, she worked as an Equity Analyst for the Davis Center, while also interning at Morgan Stanley. Upon graduation she joined Morgan Stanley as a Financial Advisor.

## **Journey to the Cosmos 5 (NEW)**

Embark on this fascinating journey through the cosmos, from the wonders of our solar system to the uncharted depths of distant galaxies. This seminar will explore the life cycle of stars, the mysteries of black holes, and humanity's most ambitious space missions. Stunning images and videos of celestial bodies will stimulate your imagination. And as always, the Apollo moon mission will be revisited through actual video footage.

### **Seminar Limit: 36**

5 Thursdays, 4/2/2026 – 4/30/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 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.

## **Everything You Wanted to Know About Sailing, Sailboats, and Sailors (But Were Afraid to Ask) (NEW)**

This seminar combines an introduction to the history of ships and sailboats with an overview of how they work, along with a beginner-level exploration of how to sail and race a sailboat. The moderator also shares stories from personal sailing adventures, bringing real-world perspective to the discussion. Together, these elements offer participants a well-rounded introduction to the mechanics, skills, and experiences that define the world of sailing.

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

2 Thursdays, 4/23/2026 – 4/30/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 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.

## **12:30 PM**

### **Five Brits with a Lightfoot (NEW)**

Moderator Sam Kurtz returns for another term with a brand-new seminar celebrating a fresh lineup of beloved musical artists. Known for his engaging style and well-loved music seminars, Kurtz brings renewed energy to this exploration of six iconic performers whose work has shaped popular music across decades. The seminar features Herman's Hermits, The Kinks, Van Morrison, Ringo Starr, and Rod Stewart—alongside the singular voice and songwriting legacy of Gordon Lightfoot. Through music clips, stories, and discussion, participants will revisit familiar favorites while discovering new dimensions of these artists' careers. This long-awaited new seminar promises both nostalgia and discovery, making it an exciting addition for longtime fans and new participants alike.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

6 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/23/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Sam Kurtz** is a retired school principal with decades of experience in education and community engagement. Since retiring, he has brought his passion for lifelong learning to UDOLLI, where he has served as a seminar moderator for more than a decade, guiding thoughtful discussions and connecting with learners across a wide range of topics. Sam has also been an avid reader and lifelong subscriber to the Dayton Daily News, a habit that began when he delivered newspapers as a youth and has continued well into the digital age. His early experiences with reading and storytelling helped inspire his career in education and his ongoing commitment to intellectual curiosity.

## Ancient Echoes, New Understandings (NEW, ZOOM)

Through modern archeology today we have gained new knowledge that greatly expands our perspective on the ancient world. We'll look at six case studies: Schliemann at Troy (1870); Evans at Knossos (1900); Carter at King Tut's tomb (1923); the Gnostic Gospels at Nag Hammadi (1945); the Dead Sea Scrolls at Qumran (1947); and Connolly's reinterpretation of the Parthenon Frieze (2014).

### Seminar Limit: 30

6 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/23/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Online

**John Willson** has his A.B. degree in Government from Harvard College (1963) and an MBA in Finance from the Graduate School of Business of the University of Chicago (1968). While his 40-year career involved consulting to corporations and government agencies on environmental, health and safety management, he's also had a lifelong interest in reading ancient history, also American political and intellectual history. Most recently he moderated a UDOLLI seminar on America Explaining Itself to Itself: Six Narrative Meta-Myths.

## Geology 101

This seminar explores a range of geology topics to deepen understanding of the planet on which we live. Participants will examine common rocks and minerals and learn basic identification techniques, along with the structure of the Earth, including global plate tectonics and rock deformation. The seminar investigates volcanoes, earthquakes, and other potentially life-threatening geologic phenomena, as well as the processes that shape the land through rivers, oceans, wind, and glaciers, with special emphasis on glaciation in the Dayton area. Additional topics include Earth's history as revealed through fossils, interpretation of topographic and geologic maps, and an in-depth look at Ohio's geology.

### Seminar Limit: 48

6 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/23/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Gary Abernathy** has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Missouri and a master's degree in geophysics from Wright State University. He is retired from the US Air Force. He has taught geology at Sinclair Community College in previous years.

## Historical and Beautiful Churches

Participants will visit and tour six historic and architecturally significant houses of worship in the Dayton area, with one site visited each week. Hosts at each church or temple will share insights into the building's history, architectural features, interior artwork and statuary, and the cultural or ethnic heritage of the original congregation, as well as the composition of the community today. Where appropriate, clergy or staff may also discuss notable historical figures associated with the site and reflect on current challenges facing their faith community.

### Seminar Limit: 18

6 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/23/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Off-Site (To Be Announced by Moderator)

**John Bowen** is a retired Air Force officer with experience in Asia, Europe, and several states. He received his MBA from the University of Dayton. John is currently a volunteer docent at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

## **Right Thing, Right Now by Ryan Holiday Book – Read and Discussion (NEW)**

Participants will read and discuss Right Thing, Right Now by Ryan Holiday, a thought-provoking exploration of justice as the foundation of a virtuous life. Drawing on Stoic philosophy, Holiday argues that courage, wisdom, and self-discipline begin with a commitment to doing what is right—especially when it is difficult. Through compelling stories of historical figures such as Marcus Aurelius, Florence Nightingale, Gandhi, Jimmy Carter, and Frederick Douglass, the book examines the power of integrity, honesty, and moral conviction. Each session will focus on several chapters, encouraging reflection and discussion on how these timeless principles can be applied to personal life and the challenges of the modern world.

### **Seminar Limit: 35**

3 Thursdays, 4/16/2026 – 4/30/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Michael Carter** is the Senior Vice President at Sinclair College and has spent more than 24 years working in higher education. His career also includes experience in K–12 education, where he served as a teacher, coach, and administrator. Across these roles, Michael has been deeply engaged in educational leadership, student success, and institutional development. His broad perspective across K–12 and higher education informs his thoughtful approach to teaching and discussion. Michael brings practical insight, leadership experience, and a strong commitment to learning to his work with adult learners, making his seminars both informed and engaging.

## **3:00 PM**

### **Communication and Development in the Frontier West**

The last half of the 19th Century witnessed rapid change in the Frontier West. The pony express, stage coach, transcontinental railroad and telegraph enabled settlers in Oregon and the California mining camps to be connected to the East. As the buffalo slowly disappeared from the Great Plains this 'Great American Desert' was quickly filled with cattle ranchers and homesteaders that were looking for new opportunities. The nomadic life of the Native Americans was curtailed as Geronimo, Sitting Bull, and Chief Joseph were inspirational leaders at the end of this age. The new cities of Denver, Seattle, Cheyenne and others grew out of the frontier wilderness.

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/23/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, 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 present of UDOLLI and served on the Air Force Museum Foundation Board for nine years. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and has a Master's degree in History.

### **Eight Great Movies and Us (NEW, ZOOM)**

Together, participants will explore the many ways films can entertain, inform, and enrich our understanding of the world. Through discussion and reflection, the seminar examines how each of these eight acclaimed films offers its own insights into storytelling, culture, and the human experience. Featured films include Modern Times, Laura, Kind Hearts and Coronets, Singin' in the Rain, Ikiru, The Court Jester, 12 Angry Men, and The Milagro Beanfield War.

### **Seminar Limit: 60**

6 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/23/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Online

**Frank Henninger** taught college and graduate courses in American and world literature for 60 years and has continually moderated seminars for UDOLLI since its first years. He directed the University of Dayton American Studies Program from 1968-98.

### **Guitars and Other Strings**

We are a long standing guitar class that would like to invite other stringed instruments to join us. ACOUSTIC only please, our walls are thin! Do you play ukulele, banjo, mandolin, or fiddle? If you have a harmonica bring it along. We play campfire style, going around the circle choosing tunes that everyone then plays. No one is singled out and all playing levels are welcome. We will be playing from the songbook listed below which you will need to have.

**REQUIRED TEXT:** Strum Together: Americana Classics by Marty Gross (Hal Leonard)

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

6 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/23/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Marsha O'Connor** has been playing guitar for over 40 years, as well as various other stringed instruments. Recognized as a distinguished moderator, she has taught in the UDOLLI program for 15 years.

### **Our Wetlands (NEW)**

The purpose of this seminar is to gain and share a basic understanding and appreciation of the treasure that exists in our Miami Valley wetlands with particular emphasis on those around the Beaver Creek. We will start by describing what wetlands are and their basic classifications. We will discuss how they are formed and their critical value. We will move on to discuss our local wetland reserves and how they are managed through the Beavercreek Wetlands Association. One of the greatest values of wetlands is the preservation of species, so we will attempt to understand what this means locally with unique examples, and we will discuss some of the evolving citizen science tools available to understand components of our wetland ecosystem. Along the way, we will attempt to highlight the wonder and beauty of our wetlands. Time and weather permitting, our last class will involve a wetland walk.

### **Seminar Limit: 30**

4 Thursdays, 3/19/2026 – 4/9/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Jim Robinson** is a retired Air Force officer and operations analyst. He has taught graduate courses at the Air Force Institute of Technology and the University of Dayton School of Engineering. He also worked as an analyst and test engineer at LexisNexis and an Air Force consultant. His interests include simulation and analysis of large human and machine systems, ecology, and the interpretation of the earth from space. He is an avid amateur photographer and walker with a love of understanding the natural world, particularly the wetlands of the Miami Valley. He has volunteered with and supported the Beavercreek Wetlands Association for many years and has continuing interest in wetlands education.

## Turn Ancient Reflections into Modern Strength (NEW)

Unlock timeless wisdom with Marcus Aurelius' *Meditations*! In this three-day seminar, you'll explore powerful lessons on resilience, focus, and purpose that still inspire leaders today. Walk away with practical tools to strengthen your mindset, manage stress, and live with clarity and confidence. The book is studied not just as ancient philosophy, but as a manual for modern life and leadership.

### Seminar Limit: 36

3 Thursdays, 4/16/2026 – 4/30/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Phil Douville** is a graduate of University of Dayton, retired electrical engineer, adjunct professor in computer and electrical engineering at Sinclair and Wright State.

## Discovering Ohio on the Buckeye Trail (NEW)

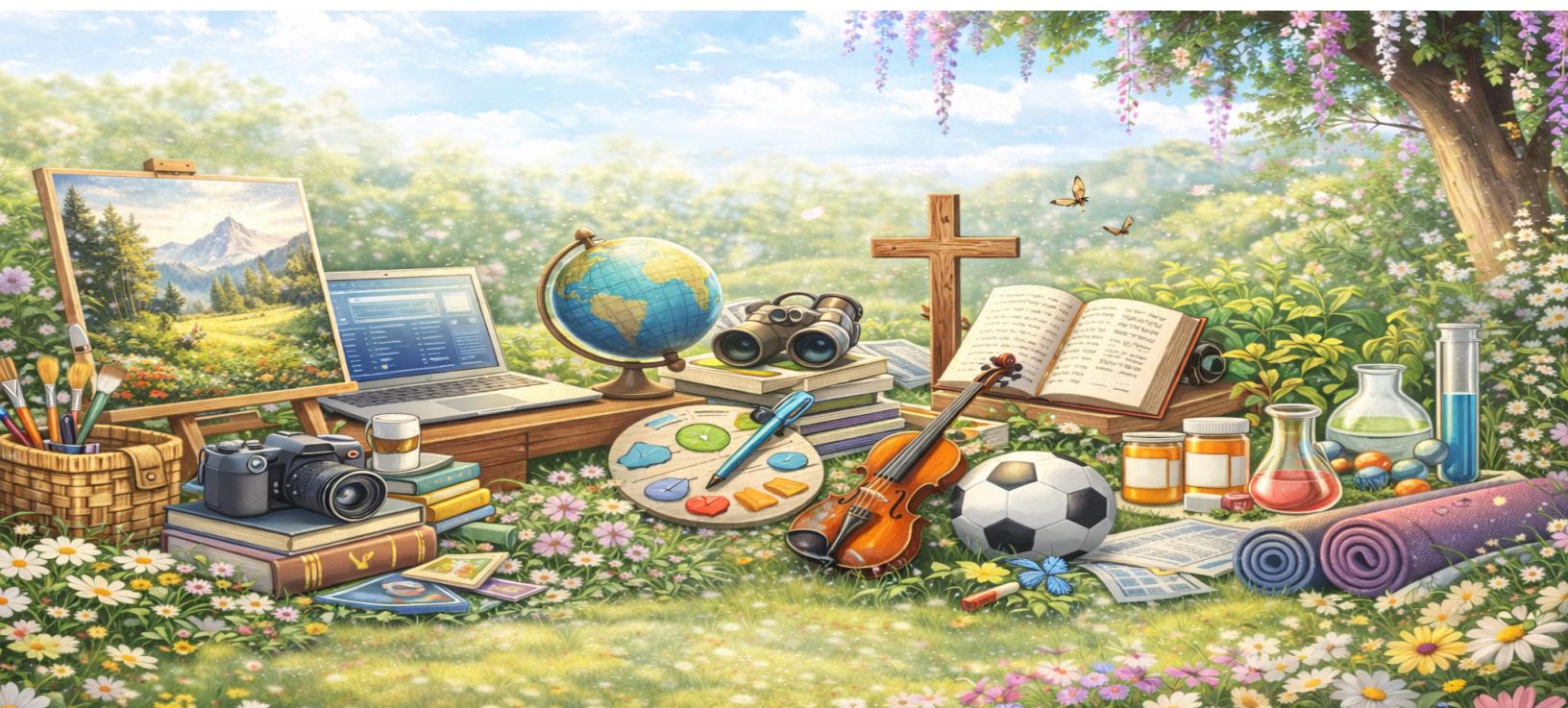
Brent and Amy Anslinger set out in 2003 to hike around Ohio on the Buckeye Trail to celebrate Ohio's bicentennial. From the rolling hills of southern Ohio to the urban landscape of larger cities and the quaint small towns in between, the Buckeye Trail connects Ohio in a way that few experiences can. Learn about the history of the Buckeye Trail and its connection to Ohio's most famous hiker, Emma "Grandma" Gatewood while you become familiar with its route through the Dayton area and hear stories of one of the first thru-hikes of Ohio's state trail.

### Seminar Limit: 48

1 Thursday, 4/30/2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Brent Anslinger**, Outdoor Recreation Program Manager for Five Rivers MetroParks, has helped make Dayton, Ohio the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest for the last 20 years. He oversees a team that produces outdoor adventure events and skill building programs to help build the outdoor community. Brent has thru-hike the Buckeye Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, and Appalachian Trail in addition to working around the country in the outdoor industry.



# FRIDAY SEMINARS

## 9:30 AM

### **Creating More Artful Photos (ZOOM)**

This class continues to engage students in the exploration of philosophies to expand creativity in photography. These philosophies incorporate strategies for creating photos that are artforms. We engage in the joy of minimalism, intentional camera movement, and wabi-sabi. The goal is to have fun!

#### **Seminar Limit: 10**

6 Fridays, 3/20/2026 – 5/1/2026 (**No meeting on April 3 (Good Friday)**)

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Online

**Susan Brenner** has had a distinguished career in education, including teaching in public schools and at the university level in colleges of teacher education. She has taught in traditional classroom settings at Clarion University and Urbana University, as well as online for the University of Cincinnati. In addition to her academic work, Susan has designed and presented photography workshops for camera clubs in Florida and for Friendship Force International. She brings this blend of educational expertise and creative practice to UDOLLI, where she has led the Zoom Photography seminar for seven years. Drawing on her experience as both an educator and a photographer, Susan creates an engaging learning environment that supports skill development, artistic growth, and thoughtful peer discussion.

### **The Poems of Joe Ruff (NEW)**

The class will read and discuss Joe Ruff's poems that were featured in Si Burick's Dayton Daily News Sports column from 1940-1970.

#### **Seminar Limit: 70**

2 Fridays, 3/20/2026 – 3/27/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 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.

### **Hamilton - The Musical (NEW)**

We will do an in-depth review of the musical Hamilton. There are many backstories and hidden meanings in the lyrics, costumes, staging, etc. This class will watch the Act 1 the first week followed by Act 2 the second week. But rather than just watch this, we will be looking closely at the lyrics and hearing about how Lin-Manuel Miranda created this Tony award winning musical.

#### **Seminar Limit: 70**

2 Fridays, 4/10/2026 – 4/17/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Jill Hitt** is a retired IT professional and has been enjoying UDOLLI classes for a couple years. She would like to give back to UDOLLI by moderating topics she enjoys.

## 12:30 PM

### Spanish for Travelers

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: 20**

6 Fridays, 3/20/2026 – 5/1/2026 (No meeting on April 3 (Good Friday))

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**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.

### 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,
- 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).

**ADDITIONAL FEE:** \$30 (paid to the Moderator at the first meeting)

#### **Seminar Limit: 24**

6 Fridays, 3/20/2026 – 5/1/2026 (No meeting on April 3 (Good Friday))

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Bobbye 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. Bobbye has a 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.

## **Charles F. Kettering - America's Inventor (NEW)**

Charles Kettering was so near-sighted that he had difficulty reading; as he once remarked, "I thought a lot." And he thought about big ideas. Hired by Dayton's NCR in 1904, Kettering electrified the cash register, earning one of the earliest among his 186 patents. His most significant invention was the automotive self-starter, which replaced the hazardous hand-crank starter. A Dayton resident, he served as General Motors' Vice President for Research from 1920 to 1947. During that time, he helped develop fast-drying automotive paint, high-octane gasoline, air-conditioning, the diesel locomotive, and much more. He became a national spokesman for science and technology and appeared on the cover of Time magazine in 1933. His guiding belief: "Believe and act like it is impossible to fail."

### **Seminar Limit: 48**

2 Fridays, 4/10/2026 – 4/17/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, 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.

## **FRIDAY SELECTED TOPICS**

### **9:30 AM**

#### **Red Lanyard Introduction**

This seminar is for members interested in becoming Red Lanyards. You will become familiar with all the AV equipment they will need for presentations. Red Lanyards help Moderators setup PowerPoint or other media and make sure it works perfectly in presentation mode. The class meets one time for 2 hours.

### **Seminar Limit: 15**

1 Friday, 4/24/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**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.

## **How The Dayton Foundation Helps You Help Others**

The Dayton Foundation, the region's largest community foundation, has been helping you help others locally and around the world since 1921. We will discuss how we provide unmatched services, resources, support and counsel to help individuals achieve their charitable giving goals. We'll touch on how we assist non-profits by funding important initiatives and offer our expertise to help them operate more effectively and how we're helping to build a better community by identifying important issues and bringing together people and organizations who can solve them.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

1 Friday, 5/1/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Nakia Lipscomb and Marianne Requarth** make up the development team at The Dayton Foundation. Nakia brings more than 28 years of experience in wealth management, banking, and trust administration. Michelle has a background in private banking, and Marianne has spent the majority of her career in nonprofit fundraising. Together, we now draw on our diverse professional backgrounds to serve and support the mission of The Dayton Foundation.

## **Red Lanyard Training**

This class provides training on UD's classroom technology for the Red Lanyard Team. The Red Lanyard Team provides technical support to moderators and guest lecturers in the use of UD's classroom technology. In this role, the team provides first-touch response and support. We provide training, perform diagnosis, troubleshooting, and trouble ticket reporting support. The UDOLLI Red Lanyard Team provides assistance with equipment in classrooms, including troubleshooting, equipment check-out and training. We escalate network, server, and application issues to UDIT when necessary.

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## **Separation of Church and State (ZOOM)**

Thomas Jefferson referred to the First Amendment as creating a “wall of separation” between church and state as the third president of the U.S. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black famously stated in *Everson v. Board of Education* that “[t]he First Amendment has erected a wall between church and state,” and “[t]hat wall must be kept high and impregnable.” This two-hour seminar will look at the origins of “the wall of separation” as well as its supporters and critics.

### **Seminar Limit: 60**

1 Friday, 5/1/2026

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 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.

## 12:30 PM

### A Veteran's Tour in the Desert (NEW)

Moderator Paul Cooper presents a firsthand account of his service as an Air Force airlift commander deployed to the Middle East for seven months during Operation Desert Storm (1990–1991). Originally mobilized for what was expected to be a 30-day mission, Cooper will discuss the challenges of extended deployment for reservists, the unique experiences of military chaplains, and daily life in a tent city. The seminar also explores flying missions through oil fires and entering Kuwait City, offering participants a vivid veteran's perspective on service in the desert.

#### **Seminar Limit: 70**

1 Friday, 3/20/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, 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 present of UDOLLI and served on the Air Force Museum Foundation Board for nine years. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and has a Master's degree in History.

### The Oxbridge Experience

"Oxbridge" is British shorthand for the famous universities at Oxford and Cambridge. This seminar is part travelogue, part history, and part comparative educational systems (note the use of the Oxford comma, please) based on the moderator's visits to both places, including at a summer short course at the University of Oxford as a part time scholar.

#### **Seminar Limit: 48**

1 Friday, 3/27/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Mike Taint, Lt Colonel**, US Air Force (Retired) served in both the military and defense industry for almost 35 years. He is a Distinguished Moderator, having offered over 20 classes at UD Osher, mostly in history, and has published and/or presented over a dozen papers at scholarly conferences. He is a member of the Ohio Academy of History and the Society for Military History, and also is a member of the Bach Society of Dayton, the Springfield Symphony Chorale as well as performing and directing at numerous community theaters around the area. He and his wife Amy live in Yellow Springs.

## **Is There an Electric Car in Your Future?**

Are you curious about electric cars or already driving one? Join us for this informative and interesting two-hour seminar that explores what it's really like to own an electric vehicle. We'll discuss costs, available options, benefits, and common challenges that EV owners face. Whether you're just exploring or looking to better understand your current EV, this session will help you feel more informed and confident.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

1 Friday, 4/10/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Neil Jones** is a long-time UDOLLI member who has moderated seminars on iPhones, motorcycle travel and EV's. He has been an EV owner for 3 years with a Tesla Model Y.

## **The Cradle of American Popular Music Recording - Richmond, Indiana?? (NEW)**

This seminar explores the remarkable story of Gennett Records, a pioneering record company based in nearby Richmond, Indiana. As a division of the Starr Piano Company, Gennett filled a critical gap in the 1920s by recording American popular music artists overlooked by major labels such as Victor and Columbia. The company made the first recordings of jazz legends King Oliver, Louis Armstrong, and Jelly Roll Morton, as well as early recordings by Bix Beiderbecke and Hoagy Carmichael, including Stardust. Gennett also recorded blues, folk, gospel, and western musicians, and even captured William Jennings Bryan's famed "Cross of Gold" speech. Located just 45 minutes from Dayton, Gennett Records played a pivotal role in shaping American popular music a century ago.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

1 Friday, 4/17/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Bill Lavin** is a retired radiologist with a lifelong love of music. He has moderated over 20 UDOLLI seminars, most of which are music-related.

## **Brother Ray - The Music of Ray Charles (NEW)**

Moderator Bill Lavin presents an exploration of the life and music of Ray Charles, born Ray Charles Robinson (1930 - 2004), one of the most influential artists in American music history. A pioneer of soul music, Charles fused rhythm and blues, gospel, jazz, and blues, while also breaking racial barriers in country and pop music through groundbreaking crossover recordings. Celebrated by Rolling Stone as one of the greatest singers of all time and praised by artists such as Frank Sinatra and Billy Joel, Charles preferred to be known simply as "Brother Ray." This seminar traces his life, legacy, and enduring impact on American music in the latter half of the twentieth century.

### **Seminar Limit: 70**

1 Friday, 4/24/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

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## Battle of Gettysburg

Moderator Allan Howey presents a comprehensive survey of Gettysburg, the costliest battle of the American Civil War. This two-hour seminar examines the broader campaign leading up to the battle, the key events on each of the three days of fighting, and the immediate aftermath. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of strategic/tactical decisions, personalities, casualties, and the battle's lasting significance.

### Seminar Limit: 70

1 Friday, 5/1/2026

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Daniel J. Curran Place

**Colonel Allan W. Howey**, USAF, Retired, alternated between cockpits, classrooms, and staff/directorship assignments during his 34-year military career. In addition to flying the C-141 jet transport and serving in the Pentagon and Gulf War, he taught military history at the Air Force Academy and Air Command & Staff College. He holds degrees in both military history and music education.

## SEMINARS FILL QUICKLY!

Register early. Online registration begins Monday, February 2nd. See page 6 for details.

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## REFRAMING AGING SYMPOSIUM

THE 2026 INSTALLMENT OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON  
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WEDNESDAY March 11, 2026

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM



More information can be found at  
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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).

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

## **Ghosts in the White House: The People Behind Presidential Speeches (ZOOM)**

Have you ever wondered who writes presidential speeches? This course traces the evolution of speechwriting from George Washington's administration to today. Yes, Hamilton helped draft Washington's Farewell Address, but no, Lincoln did not scribble the Gettysburg Address on an envelope. We will study the writing process presidents used and examine drafts from FDR, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Carter, and George H.W. Bush. We will view clips from speeches and from former White House speechwriters describing the process.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Mondays, 3/30/2026 – 5/4/2026

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Online

**Diana Carlin, PhD** is Professor Emerita of communication at Saint Louis University. For 30 years, she has taught courses on and written about First Ladies. She is the co-author of U.S. First Ladies: Making History and Leaving Legacies and Remember the First Ladies: America's History-Making Women. Carlin has published articles and book chapters on a variety of First Ladies and researches and writes on the topics of women in politics, presidential communication, and political debate.

## **The Scopes Monkey Trial: Then and Now (ZOOM)**

In July 1925, Clarence Darrow, William Jennings Bryan, and others converged on Dayton, Tennessee, for the Scopes Monkey Trial—an eight-day clash over religion, science, public education, free speech, and textbooks broadcast nationwide. One hundred years later, these debates continue. This course explores why the trial happened in Dayton, how Bryan and Darrow became involved, what occurred in the courtroom, whether Inherit the Wind reflects reality, who won and lost, and why it still matters today.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Tuesdays, 3/31/2026 – 5/5/2026

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Online

**Doug Mishkin**, an experienced trial lawyer, partnered with Americans United for Separation of Church and State to foster dialogue in Dayton, TN, site of the Scopes Monkey Trial. He has interviewed Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Edward J. Larson (Summer for the Gods), civil rights attorney Fred Gray, and George Washington Law Professor Jeffrey Rosen, president of the National Constitution Center, along with other distinguished lawyers and historians on law, history, and constitutional issues.

## **Comic Book Literature (ZOOM)**

Comics (blending words and pictures to tell stories) stretch from cave paintings and the Bayeux Tapestry to today's Batman and Spider-Man. Far more than superhero tales, comics are a versatile literary artform, capturing intimate and epic stories, social issues, and cultural moments through panels and word balloons. In this course, we will trace their history, explore their power, and read and discuss works including Understanding Comics, Watchmen, Maus, Fun Home, and Persepolis.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Tuesdays, 3/31/2026 – 5/5/2026

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Online

**Arnold Blumberg, PhD** is a publisher, author, artist, and pop culture historian. He has taught courses in media literacy and other cultural topics at University of Baltimore and other Baltimore colleges. Blumberg spent fifteen years in the comic book industry, curated a pop culture museum, and currently runs his own publishing company, ATB Publishing.

## **A History of Street Art (ZOOM)**

Art in the streets (including graffiti, murals, stickers, and paste-ups) gives voice to marginalized communities, shapes urban environments, and challenges institutional norms. This course explores graffiti and street art in the U.S. and around the world, examining their histories, motivations, and social impact. Participants will consider the rise of global mural movements, efforts to preserve and present street art, and its evolving role in activism, community identity, and social change.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Wednesdays, 4/1/2026 – 5/6/2026

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Online

**Heather Shirey, PhD**, is a Professor of Art History at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. Her research explores race and identity, migration and diasporas, and the role of monuments, memorials, and street art in shaping public space. As part of the Urban Art Mapping team, she co-created the George Floyd and Anti-Racist Street Art Database. Her work examines how street art documents collective experience and functions as activism, healing, and critical engagement.

## **Siberia: Russia's Frozen Wasteland or Economic Heartland? (ZOOM)**

Siberia covers three quarters of Russia's territory but is home to only a quarter of its population. Yet its role in shaping Russia as a vast and wealthy empire is profound. In this course, we will explore Siberia's economic significance, indigenous cultures, and history as a penal colony, along with its importance for climate change, environmental issues, and Russian-Chinese relations. We will also consider Siberia's role in both the rise and possible fragmentation of Russia.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Wednesdays, 4/1/2026 – 5/6/2026

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM, Online

**Asya Pereltsvaig** received a degree in English and History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a PhD in Linguistics from McGill University. She taught at Yale and Stanford, and has been teaching in lifelong education programs since 2010. Her expertise is in language and history, and the relationship between them. Her most recent book, *Languages of the World: An Introduction*, 4th edition (2023) was published by

Cambridge University Press. Asya is a popular instructor for several OLLI programs around the country and was the faculty host for the OLLI trip to the Baltic countries and St. Petersburg in July 2017.

## **JFK's Quest for Peace: Lessons for Turbulent Times (ZOOM)**

Throughout his 1000-day presidency, John Kennedy pursued peace through a broad spectrum of initiatives. He saw a connection between learning and leadership and sought to use military deterrence, diplomacy, and soft power in novel ways. In this course, we will explore how his character and life experiences were the origins of those efforts. We will evaluate his powers of persuasion by listening to key speeches, and we will assess his successes and failures and their relevance to today's world.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Thursdays, 4/2/2026 – 5/7/2026

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM, Online

**Charles Blum** served as a US diplomat and trade policy official for 17 years before launching a consulting firm that operated in Washington DC and Central Europe. He has developed more than four dozen courses focusing on global politics, war and peace, and international cooperation. He earned degrees in history from Eastern University and in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania.

## **AI for Regular People (ZOOM)**

Back by popular demand, this updated course offers a clear, engaging introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it's rapidly transforming our world. From self-driving cars to chatbots and precision medicine, we will explore how AI works, where it's headed, and what it means for society. No tech experience needed - just curiosity! With fresh examples and timely updates, participants will gain a solid understanding of the opportunities and challenges AI presents today.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Thursdays, 4/2/2026 – 5/7/2026

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Online

This course is co-taught by **Hod Lipson, PhD**, Professor of Engineering and Data Science at Columbia University, and author and technology analyst **Melba Kurman**. Dr. Lipson directs Columbia's Creative Machines Lab, where his team builds artificially intelligent robots that can design, create, and express emotion. One of the world's most-cited academic roboticists, his work has been featured in The New York Times, NPR, TED, and Quanta. Melba Kurman has held roles at Microsoft, Cornell University, and several tech startups. She writes about emerging technologies and their societal impact. Together, they co-authored *Driverless and Fabricated: The Promise and Peril of 3D Printing*, and are frequent speakers on AI and innovation. They divide their time between New York City and the Berkshires.

## **Violinists: Performers and Composers (ZOOM)**

Why do so many great violinists also become composers? This course will explore the fascinating legacy of violinist-composers, including Baroque virtuosos like Heinrich Biber, Romantic legends like Niccolò Paganini, and 20th century innovators like George Enescu and Grazyna Bacewicz. Through listening and discussing, we will examine how these artists wrote music tailored to their instruments and themselves. Taught by a professional violinist, this course offers a behind-the-strings look at how performance and composition intertwine.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Mondays, 4/6/2026 – 5/11/2026

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Online

**Ilana Zaks**, professional violinist, educator, and multidisciplinary artist, is First Violin with the Seattle Symphony and Seattle Opera. A graduate of the New England Conservatory and Yale School of Music, she studied under renowned violinists Donald Weilerstein and Ani Kavafian and spent nearly a decade working with Itzhak Perlman through the Perlman Music Program. Recently appointed to the Boston University Tanglewood Institute faculty, Zaks is passionate about connecting audiences to music through storytelling, performance, and dialogue.

### **Place, Memory, and Environmental Psychology (ZOOM)**

How much of who we are is shaped by the places we live and experience? This course invites reflection on the psychological and emotional relationships between people and their environments. Drawing on psychology, geography, architecture, and design, we will explore environmental psychology and how physical environments shape behavior, cognition, identity, and memory. Using place-based methods, we will discuss concepts such as place attachment, identity, and cognitive maps. We will reflect on memory, home, trauma, displacement, and nature's role in well-being.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Tuesdays, 4/7/2026 – 5/12/2026

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM, Online

**Fernanda Blanco Vidal** is a PhD Candidate in Environmental Psychology at the Graduate Center, CUNY. She holds degrees in Psychology and Sociology from the Federal University of Bahia, where she published *Nostalgia, but not Sadness – Psychology, Memory and Forced Displacement*. Her dissertation explores how people's sense of place shifted during the COVID-19 pandemic. With over a decade of higher education experience in Brazil and the US, she develops place-based methodologies linking psychology, memory, and displacement.

### **From Leo XIII to Leo XIV: History of 20th and 21st Century Popes (ZOOM)**

The death of Pope Francis and the election of the first US born Pope have been in the news repeatedly in the last few months, capturing the imagination of many people, including non-Catholics. Who are these men? What are their life stories? How were they similar to and different from each other? In this course, we will discuss the lives and dominant perspectives of the last ten Popes, exploring their most significant positions and their influence on world affairs.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Tuesdays, 4/7/2026 – 5/12/2026

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM, Online

**Oliva Espín, PhD**, is Professor Emerita of Women's Studies at San Diego State University and the California School of Professional Psychology. She completed her postdoctoral work at Harvard and is a pioneer in feminist therapy with women from diverse cultural backgrounds. Her recent books include *Women, Sainthood, and Power: A Feminist Psychology of Cultural Constructions* and *My Native Land is Memory: Stories of a Cuban Childhood* (2021 San Diego Book Award). She received APA's Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Psychology Award.

## A Beautiful Brain (ZOOM)

Most conversations about aging focus on lifespan, but brainspan (how long our mind stays sharp) matters more. In this course, we will explore how the brain ages and what science reveals about protecting memory, balance, and clarity. Topics include normal changes versus early dementia, neuroplasticity, nutrition, sleep, stress, social ties, and purpose. Each session blends accessible science with self-tests and take-home practices. We will also build a personalized Cognitive Health Scorecard to track habits and strengthen resilience.

### Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Thursdays, 4/9/2026 – 5/14/2026

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Online

**Scott Fulton** is recognized internationally as a “Redefiner” in the positive aging space. Accustomed to big systems engineering challenges, Fulton focuses his research on improving adult aging outcomes. He teaches Lifestyle Medicine and Aging, is an American College of Lifestyle Medicine member, sits on the prestigious True Health Initiative Council, and is past president of the National Aging in Place Council. His critically acclaimed book, WHEALTHSPAN, More Years, More Moments, More Money, hit #1 on Amazon, and he is known for creating the MEDAC system for optimal aging. Fulton is a multiple Ironman triathlete and lives in a demonstration home he recently designed and built for the future of optimal aging across a lifespan.

## Great Science Stories (ZOOM)

Science is full of surprises. Dyes, accidentally discovered, launched the modern pharmaceutical industry. A failed experiment opened the door to new physics. Discoveries are never just facts. They are moments of creativity, struggle, and chance with far-reaching consequences. In this course, we will explore the human side of science, tracing breakthroughs in biology, chemistry, physics, and more. We will ask not only what was found, but how and why it matters.

### Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Thursdays, 4/9/2026 – 5/14/2026

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, 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.

## California Uncovered: A Journey Through Time, Place, and Identity (ZOOM)

California is more than a state. It is an idea, a dream, and a contradiction. In this course, we will journey from its earliest Indigenous cultures through Spanish, Mexican, and American rule, exploring missions, the Gold Rush, the railroad, Hollywood, and Silicon Valley. We will challenge myths, highlight overlooked voices, and examine how migration, innovation, and cultural change shaped the Golden State. We will discover what it has meant, and still means, to be Californian.

### Seminar Fee: \$50

6 Fridays, 4/10/2026 – 5/15/2026

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Online

**Anthony Antonucci, PhD**, is a historian whose teaching and scholarship explore the intersections of foreign relations, nationalism, race, and immigration policy in U.S. history since 1750. A Fulbright fellow, Antonucci has also held research appointments at the Massachusetts Historical Society, the American Antiquarian

Society, and the University of Connecticut Humanities Institute. He teaches courses in U.S., world, and California history, as well as African American, Latinx, and women's studies at colleges across Southern California, including Cal Poly Pomona, the University of La Verne, and Citrus College.

## **The Lost Generation (ZOOM)**

This course will examine the cultural transformations in thinking and living that reshaped America and Western Europe between World War I and the Great Depression. Known as the Roaring Twenties, the Jazz Age, and the Lost Generation, this period redefined values and norms. We will explore the vibrant world of 1920s Paris through F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Babylon Revisited* and *Bernice Bobs Her Hair*, Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*, and Gertrude Stein's *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*, considering the lasting legacy of the era.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Wednesdays, 4/15/2026 – 5/20/26

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Online

**Ferdâ Asya, PhD**, Professor of English, has taught at universities worldwide and lived in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and the Middle East. Specializing in 19th–20th century American literature with a focus on Edith Wharton, her interests include international literature and American expatriate writing in Europe. She has published widely on authors from Achebe to Stein and edited *American Writers in Paris: Then and Now* (2025), *Teaching Edith Wharton's Major Novels and Short Fiction* (2021), and *American Writers in Europe* (2013).

## **Music: Controversies and Curiosities (ZOOM)**

Music has long provoked debate, from Beethoven and Stravinsky's bold innovations to Broadway works like *Annie Get Your Gun* and *South Pacific*, now revisited through modern concerns about race, consent, and gender. Is political correctness enriching art or erasing cultural heritage? We will also examine plagiarism and borrowing in pop and film music, with cases involving The Beatles, Pink Floyd, and Peter Frampton. This course blends audiovisuals, anecdotes, and humor to explore music's most controversial moments.

### **Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Wednesdays, 4/15/2026 – 5/20/2026

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM, Online

**Emanuel Abramovits, MBA**, is a mechanical engineer and has also been a concert promoter for over two decades. He is directly involved in events by international artists like Itzhak Perlman, Gustavo Dudamel, Sarah Brightman, Roger Hodgson, ASIA, Journey, Kenny G., and many more. Abramovits has designed and staged many original orchestral events, including an Event of the Year winner and several world premieres. He served as the cultural director at Union Israelita De Caracas from 2008 to 2019, releasing books and organizing film cycles, concerts, and art exhibits. He consistently teaches online and in-person across the US.

## **Writing the Personal Essay: Finding Your Story (ZOOM)**

The personal essay, one of the oldest forms of creative nonfiction, blends storytelling, reflection, and analysis to give voice to lived experience. In this course, we will explore the personal essay as both art and self-expression. Through readings, discussion, and writing exercises, we will study elements such as narrative arc, scene-setting, and reflection. We will draft our own essays, discovering how this enduring form helps us find

our voices and tell our stories with clarity.

**Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Saturdays, 4/18/2026 – 5/23/2026

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM, Online

**Lisa Stolley**, professor of English at the University of Illinois Chicago and Northwestern University, is a published fiction author. Her short stories have appeared in numerous literary journals, earning an Illinois Arts Council Award, a Pushcart Prize nomination, and first prizes from the Washington Review and Georgia State Review. Her nonfiction has been published in Today's Chicago Woman and the Chicago Reader. Stolley teaches scientific writing at UIC's School of Public Health and is a legal writer for immigration attorneys.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright and Modern Architecture (ZOOM)**

Frank Lloyd Wright designed nearly 1,000 buildings and helped define modern architecture. This course explores highlights of his practice, from Prairie houses to Fallingwater and the Guggenheim Museum, alongside lesser-known projects like affordable housing and city planning. We'll examine how Wright's work reflected cultural shifts in technology, science, and politics, offering a deeper understanding of his lasting influence on architecture and modern design.

**Seminar Fee: \$50**

6 Tuesdays, 4/21/2026 – 5/26/2026

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Online

**Jennifer Gray, PhD**, is vice president of the Taliesin Institute at the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. Her research explores how modern architects used design to advance social change at the turn of the 20th century. She has curated major exhibitions, including Frank Lloyd Wright at 150 at MoMA and The Imperial Hotel at 100, which toured Japan. Gray has taught at Columbia, Cornell, and MoMA, and formerly served as Curator of Drawings and Archives at Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library.

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## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

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](mailto: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:

Spring Food Drive: April 13 - 17, 2026

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 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

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## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Severe Weather and Other Community Emergencies**— In-Person UDOLLI seminars will be canceled when the University of Dayton is closed for inclement weather. If the situation is ambiguous, there will be a message on the [go.udayton.edu/udolli](http://go.udayton.edu/udolli) main webpage.

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

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**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!**

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

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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. If you have expertise or enthusiasm in any subject, we invite you to share it with our community of lifelong learners. To see our wish-list of popular topics, learn more or submit a proposal, visit the [Moderator Resources page at go.udayton.edu/udolli](http://go.udayton.edu/udolli).

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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](http://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.

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# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UD, Spring 2026: Seminar Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY SELECTED
<b>9:30 - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 - 11:30 AM</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture in Dayton <input type="checkbox"/> British Comedy Classics (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> America's History Museums (NEW) <input type="checkbox"/> An Introduction to the Unevolved and Evolved Ethics (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> A History of The Beatles, Part 2 <input type="checkbox"/> A Journaling Club (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> Anyone Can Take Great Photos <input type="checkbox"/> International Murder Mystery Videos	<input type="checkbox"/> Creating More Artful Photos (ZOOM) <input type="checkbox"/> The Poems of Joe Ruff (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> April 24 <input type="checkbox"/> Red Lanyard Introduction
<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+ 101 <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing Y(Our) Words! <input type="checkbox"/> Our American Journey <input type="checkbox"/> Primetime Prescriptions	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploring the Many Wonders of Ireland (NEW) <input type="checkbox"/> Helpful Lessons on Later Life (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> Breaking Open the Sin of Racism <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Dialogues (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hamilton - The Musical (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> How the Dayton Foundation Helps You Help Others	<input type="checkbox"/> May 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Red Lanyard Training
<input type="checkbox"/> Exploring the World of Genealogy (NEW) <input type="checkbox"/> History of Sci-Fi Horror Films from the Silent Era to the 70's (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the U.S. Constitution (ZOOM)	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Dialogues (NEW) <input type="checkbox"/> Watching Spring Happen in MetroParks	<input type="checkbox"/> VII (NEW) <input type="checkbox"/> Take Charge of Your Wealth	<input type="checkbox"/> The Poems of Joe Ruff (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Helps You Help Others
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<input type="checkbox"/> How Things Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Spinning the Playlist (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:30 - 2:30 PM <input type="checkbox"/> The 6th "Vital Sign" (NEW, ZOOM)	<input type="checkbox"/> Journey to the Cosmos 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Helps You Help Others	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Helps You Help Others
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<input type="checkbox"/> Codename Delmar (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> William Faulkner's Short Stories (NEW)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 - 5:00 PM <input type="checkbox"/> The Nineteenth World-Class Bike Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Journey to the Cosmos 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Helps You Help Others	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Helps You Help Others
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**MONDAY**

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**  
 Architecture in Dayton  
 British Comedy Classics (NEW)  
 LGBTQ+ 101  
 Sharing Y(Our) Words!  
 Our American Journey  
 Primetime Prescriptions

**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

Exploring the World of Genealogy (NEW)  
 History of Sci-Fi Horror Films from the Silent Era to the 70's (NEW)  
 Sin, Sex, and Sovereignty in Scripture  
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 Van the Man, Part 2 (NEW, ZOOM)  
 Behind the Scenes at The Human Race Theatre Company

**3:00 - 5:00 PM**

How Things Work  
 The Legacy of Mental Institutions (NEW)  
 The Real "Sound of Music" (NEW)  
 Codename Delmar (NEW)

**TUESDAY**

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**  
 America's History Museums (NEW)  
 An Introduction to the Unevolved and Evolved Ethics (NEW)  
 Exploring the Many Wonders of Ireland (NEW)  
 Helpful Lessons on Later Life (NEW)  
 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution (ZOOM)

**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

"One Nation Under God" (NEW)  
 Archaeology 101  
 Soundtrack of Your Life  
 Starry, Starry Night  
 Zentangle 2

**3:00 - 5:00 PM**

Europe's Great Cathedrals  
 Spinning the Playlist (NEW)  
 The World Cup

**UDOLLI AT NIGHT**

**6:00 - 8:00 P.M.**  
 Edgar Allan Poe (NEW)  
 An Adoptee's Search for Her Biological Parents  
 Advanced Beginner Mah Jongg (NEW, ZOOM)  
 Clinical Nutrition Approaches to Common Diseases (NEW)  
 Support Starts with Self-Care (NEW)  
 In Peace and War: Franklin Delano Roosevelt (ZOOM)

**WEDNESDAY**

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**  
 A History of The Beatles, Part 2  
 A Journaling Club (NEW)  
 Breaking Open the Sin of Racism  
 Retirement Dialogues (NEW)  
 Watching Spring Happen in MetroParks

**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

Barbecuing & Grilling Made Simple (ZOOM)  
 Flexible Breathing and Movement  
 Peace Corps  
 Using Stock Options to Supplement Your Income  
 Poetry and Nature  
 The 6th "Vital Sign" (NEW, ZOOM)  
 Let's Play Bocce! (NEW)

**3:00 - 5:00 PM**

Doctor Who Meets St. Thomas Aquinas (NEW)  
 Influenza Pandemic 1918 and Covid 2018  
 William Faulkner's Short Stories (NEW)  
 The Nineteenth  
 Exploring the Region's World-Class Bike Trails

**THURSDAY**

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**  
 A Lincoln Portrait  
 Anyone Can Take Great Photos  
 International Murder Mystery Videos VII (NEW)  
 Take Charge of Your Wealth  
 Journey to the Cosmos 5  
 Everything You Wanted to Know About Sailing (NEW)

**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

Five Brits with a Lightfoot (NEW)  
 Ancient Echoes, New Understandings (NEW, ZOOM)  
 Geology 101  
 Historical and Beautiful Churches  
 Right Thing, Right Now by Ryan Holiday (NEW)

**3:00 - 5:00 PM**

Communication and Development in the Frontier West  
 Eight Great Movies and Us (NEW, ZOOM)  
 Guitars and Other Strings  
 Our Wetlands (NEW)  
 Turn Ancient Reflections into Modern Strength (NEW)  
 Discovering Ohio on the Buckeye Trail (NEW)

**FRIDAY**

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**  
 Creating More Artful Photos (ZOOM)  
 The Poems of Joe Ruff (NEW)  
 Hamilton - The Musical (NEW)  
**12:30 - 2:30 PM**  
 Spanish for Travelers  
 Techniques for Making Beautiful Greeting Cards (Intermediate)  
 Charles F. Kettering (NEW)

**FRIDAY SELECTED**

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**  
**April 24**  
 Red Lanyard Introduction  
**May 1**  
 How the Dayton Foundation Helps You Help Others  
 Red Lanyard Training  
 Separation of Church and State (ZOOM)

**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

**March 20**  
 A Veteran's Tour in the Desert (NEW)  
**March 27**  
 The Oxbridge Experience  
**April 10**  
 Is There an Electric Car in Your Future?  
**April 17**  
 The Cradle of American Popular Music Recording (NEW)  
**April 24**  
 Brother Ray (NEW)  
**May 1**  
 Battle of Gettysburg

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>11:00 -12:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 6 – May 11</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Violinists: Performers and Composers (ZOOM)	<b>11:00 -12:30 PM</b> <b>Mar. 31 – May 5</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The Scopes Monkey Trial: Then and Now (ZOOM)	<b>11:00 -12:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 1 – May 6</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A History of Street Art (ZOOM)	<b>11:00 -12:30 PM</b> <b>Mar. 31 – May 5</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The Scopes Monkey Trial: Then and Now (ZOOM)	<b>3:00 -4:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 10 – May 15</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A Beautiful Brain (ZOOM)	<b>2:00 -3:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 18 – May 23</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Writing the Personal Essay: Finding Your Story (ZOOM)
<b>3:00 - 4:30 PM</b> <b>Mar. 30 – May 4</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ghosts in the White House: The People Behind Presidential Speeches (ZOOM)	<b>1:00 -2:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 7 – May 12</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Places, Memory, and Environmental Psychology (ZOOM)	<b>1:00 -2:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 1 – May 6</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Siberia: Russia's Frozen Wasteland or Economic Heartland? (ZOOM)	<b>1:00 -2:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 9 – May 14</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A Beautiful Brain (ZOOM)	<b>1:00 -2:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 2 – May 7</b> <input type="checkbox"/> JFK's Quest for Peace: Lessons for Turbulent Times (ZOOM)	<b>3:00 -4:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 9 – May 14</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Great Science Stories (ZOOM)
<b>3:00 -4:30 PM</b> <b>Mar. 31 – May 5</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Comic Book Literature (ZOOM)	<b>3:00 -4:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 15 – May 20</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The Lost Generation (ZOOM)	<b>5:00 - 6:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 15 – May 20</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Music: Controversies and Curiosities (ZOOM)	<b>3:00 -4:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 9 – May 14</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Great Science Stories (ZOOM)	<b>7:00 -8:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 2 – May 7</b> <input type="checkbox"/> AI for Regular People (ZOOM)	
<b>5:00 - 6:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 7 – May 12</b> <input type="checkbox"/> From Leo XIII to Leo XIV: History of 20th and 21st Century Popes (ZOOM)					
<b>7:00 - 8:30 PM</b> <b>Apr. 21 – May 26</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Frank Lloyd Wright and Modern Architecture (ZOOM)					

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