We hope you’re enjoying the long summer days!

Catalog Corrections

We have had several changes to dates and locations to our fall courses that can be found on the Osher website, under Announcements. To find these changes directly, you can click here.

Fall Registration

By the time you read this newsletter, the initial registration period will be over and our lottery system will have run.

You may still add courses to your registration if you would like, but if you would like to add yourself to a waitlist or drop a course, please email us at osher@wm.edu or call us at 757-221-1506.
Also, for those who may not have registered yet, it's not too late. [Access the Fall 2021 Registration here.](#) Classes are now available on a first-come, first served basis.

**Scholarships Available for the Fall Semester**

Several scholarships, funded by a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation, that pay the full cost of a Regular membership in the Osher Institute are available each of our semesters.

Recipients must be 50 or older with an annual combined household adjusted gross income of $50,000 or less. If you need assistance for the fall semester and fit the criteria listed above, please do not hesitate to apply! And if your friends or family have wanted to become members but are concerned about the cost, please encourage them to contact us.

Applications are available by emailing [osher@wm.edu](mailto:osher@wm.edu) or calling the office at 757-221-1506.

**Training Date Updates**

In preparation of Fall Semester, we are moving the training for Instructors, Class Assistants, and Class Hosts to take place earlier than originally planned. Please note these new times:

**August 23 – School of Education**
- 1pm Room 1056 - Instructors and Class Assistants
- 2pm Room 2060 - Instructors and Class Assistants

**August 24 – Discovery 1**
- 10am Instructors and Class Assistants
- 11am Hosts

**August 25 – Whiteman Cup Room**
- 10 am Instructors and Class Assistants
- 11 am Hosts

**Save The Date: New Instructor Orientation**
We are looking forward to welcoming our new instructors to the Osher Institute at W&M on **August 23 at 9am**. We have a large number of new instructors bringing a wide variety of subjects to our program. We hope you will enjoy their expertise and knowledge that they have chosen to share with us.

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**Current W&M Mask Policy**

We have received several questions regarding the current mask policy of the university. We are committed to keeping our members updated as we near our return to classes this fall.

The current mask policy is:

As of June 22, 2021, face masks are no longer required on William & Mary campuses and properties. People who are not yet vaccinated against COVID-19 are encouraged to still wear masks, even outdoors, and physically distance.

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**Volunteers Needed**

We are still in need of the following volunteers to help with both in person classes and online classes for the fall semester.

- In person audio/visual class assistants
- In person hosts
- Zoom class assistants

If you are interested, please email us at osher@wm.edu or call us a message at (757) 221-1506.

In addition, we will be launching some new volunteer committee opportunities coming soon. Stay posted for more information regarding:

- Curriculum
- Membership Experience
- Volunteer Coordination
- Marketing & Publicity
- Finance
- Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility

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**Town & Gown Noon Lecture Series**
On Zoom this Fall!

Join us as we enjoy a wonderful line up of lectures this semester that you can watch in the comfort of your own home.

We’ve added an optional social chat feature that will begin at 11:30am before each lecture begins at 12:00 pm so you can still enjoy lunch with other Osher members prior to the lecture.

### September 30, 2021
**Are Older Adults Exploring & Embracing Telehealth? What We are Learning Since the Pandemic**
Christine J. Jensen, Director, Health Services Research, Riverside Center for Excellence in Aging & Lifelong Health and Christy Helsel, TeleHealth Program Director, Riverside Health System

### October 7, 2021
**The W&M Washington Center: Your Campus in the City**
Roxane Adler Hickey, Director, Washington Center

### October 21, 2021
**A History of African Americans at W&M: 50 Years and Beyond**
Jacquelyn McLendon, Professor Emeritus, W&M English

### October 28, 2021
**Uncovering Climates of the Past: Long-term Perspectives on Global Warming**
Nicholas Balascio, Coco Faculty Fellow, Associate Professor, W&M Geology

### November 4, 2021
**The Intersection of Religion & Arts in the Indian Ocean: Examples from the Arabian Gulf & Indonesia**
Anne Rasmussen, W&M, Director, Program in Asian & Middle Eastern Studies

### November 11, 2021
**Art Therapy: A Tool for Wellness**
Sarah Balascio, Art Therapist and Adjunct Lecturer, W&M Health & Wellness

#### Pre-Semester Activity Opportunity from Opera in Williamsburg

An invitation from Opera in Williamsburg to Osher Members. Please note, this is not an Osher activity, it is an offering by Opera in Williamsburg to Osher members as their season will take place prior to the start of our semester this fall.

Open working rehearsal, **September 3 at 11 AM** at the Kimball Theatre. Free, limited seats. Reservations are required at [www.operainwilliamsburg.org](http://www.operainwilliamsburg.org). This is an opportunity to see detailed work on a scene -- it is not a full run of
Masks are required in the auditorium.

Pre-opera talks by Glenn Winters at the Williamsburg Regional Library auditorium. Free, limited seats, reservations are required at www.operainwilliamsburg.org. Masks are required in the auditorium.

- Friday September 10 at 1-1:30 PM
- Friday September 10 at 5:30-6 PM
- Sunday September 12 at 1:05-1:35 PM
- Sunday September 12 at 4:30-5 PM

Osher Institute Policies

Refund Policy

Please note that the Osher Institute at William & Mary fees are membership fees. They are used to cover overall expenses of operating our lifelong learning program in a given semester and are not directly related to the number of courses you may take (i.e., there are no “per course” fees, and therefore, no “per course” refunds).

The deadline for a refund of the membership fee is the first day of the session. For Fall 2021, the refund deadline is September 13, 2021 at 8am. A $10 processing fee will be deducted from all Regular Membership refunds and a $5 processing fee will be deducted from all Associate Membership refunds.

Inclement Weather Policy

The Osher Institute at W&M will cancel courses, activities, events, and/or training for weather if William & Mary University Events and Activities are canceled. A notice will be on the Osher Institute at W&M office voice mail (757-221-1506).

Please note, you will not be personally contacted.

Important Dates

August 6: Course Confirmations are sent following the lottery process and registration reopens for post-lottery registration

August 19: New Instructor Orientation

August 23: A/V Training for Class Assistants and Instructors at the School of Education & Class Host Training

August 24: A/V Training for Class Assistants and Instructors at Discovery 1 & Class Host Training

August 25: A/V Training for Class Assistants and Instructors at the Whitman Cup Room & Class Host Training

September 13: First Day of Fall Classes; Fall 2021 Registration Cancellation Deadline is at 8am
Interested in advertising opportunities with Osher @ W&M? Learn more here.

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