

The Osher News February 2021

You Can Still Register!

While our initial course request period is over, you can still register for classes. Thanks to Zoom, we do not have many wait lists this semester and a lot of wonderful courses are still available. Click [here](#) to register.

Catalog Changes

There have been several changes to our spring catalog. The changes can be found on our website or you can click [here](#) for more information.

Registration System Changes February 12-15, 2021

We're very excited to share that during the month of February we'll be transitioning to our new registration system. **The system will become effective February 15 at 8am. This has a few implications that we'd like you to begin planning for now.**

1. **Brand new members joining Osher** beginning on February 15 will register in our new system. They will simply create a user account and register by purchasing their membership and choosing their classes based upon current availability since the lottery has already taken place.
2. **Existing members will be unable to access their current registration in our present system beginning on February 12 at 8am.**
 - **If you have any classes you'd like to add after February 12 you can [contact the office](#) for assistance.** We will assist by making changes for you. We'll also be sharing additional information with current members (in a separate email) about how to create a user account, log into the new registration system, and add classes you may wish to take for the remainder of this semester on your own. A special code will need to be entered by existing members so you do not pay a second time for your membership. Only existing members who have already purchased a Spring 2021 membership will be sent this special code in a separate email message.
 - **Make sure you've saved your class schedule and meeting**

times so you can easily access your class schedule using an alternative method (paper printout, marked on your calendar, added to your electronic calendar, saved in your email, etc.) as you won't be able to log back into your original registration to check on the date of your next class after February 12 at 8am.

If you have any questions about the transition process, feel free to [email](#) us!

Scholarships Still Available Help Us Spread the Word!

Several Kernodle-Wren 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 twice-yearly 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 spring 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 or leaving a voicemail at (757) 221-1506.

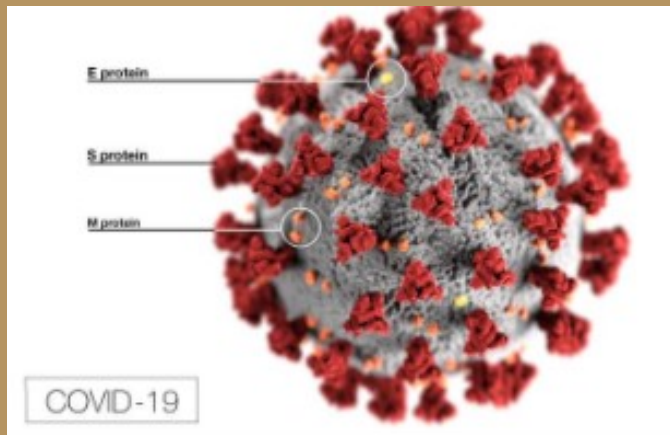
Upcoming COVID Vaccine Related Courses

[COVID-19 Vaccine Safety - Should You Take It?](#)

Tuesday, February 2, 2021
1.30-3.30pm via Zoom
Instructor: Leonard Heere

[SARS-CoV-2: The Virus Behind the Pandemic](#)

Friday, February 12, 2021
9.30am-11.30am via Zoom
Instructor: Sue Delos



Read about ways to [Care for Yourself](#) during COVID-19, from the CDC.

8-Course Limit for Regular Membership LIFTED


Due to the ongoing pandemic and our ability to have more seats available in many courses (thanks to Zoom), we've decided to lift the 8-course limit for the Spring 2021 semester for regular memberships!

We hope this temporary benefit will help bring some fun ways to pass the time as we continue under COVID restrictions and guidelines. **If you'd like to add another course, call us at 757-221-1506 or email us at osher@wm.edu.** Please note that you will not be able to add more than 8 courses on your own in the registration system, our staff will override the system to allow you to enroll in additional courses. Let us know the course(s) that you're interested and we'll be happy to add until all seats are filled!

Behind the Scenes, Preparing for Spring

New Instructor Orientation

On January 12th Osher welcomed its newest instructors via Zoom. And thanks to Zoom we are able to learn from these instructors who live here in Williamsburg, in nearby Richmond and also in the mid-west and southwest. They bring a wealth of experience and education with them and will enrich our organization with new and varied topics. They'll explain how the Covid vaccine works and how brands learned to pivot during the pandemic. They'll take us to Germany at the end of World War II and to pre-Civil War in America. They will teach us the importance of telling our stories and how the Enneagram Personality Theory can foster understanding of ourselves. They will explain how judges make their decisions. And they will give insight into the life of Queen Elizabeth and into short stories written by John Updike and Alice Walker. No matter your interest, there is something new for everyone.



The banner features the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute logo, the William & Mary logo, and a small video thumbnail of Carrie Lehman. The text reads: **Zoom Training Guide** *Class Assistants*

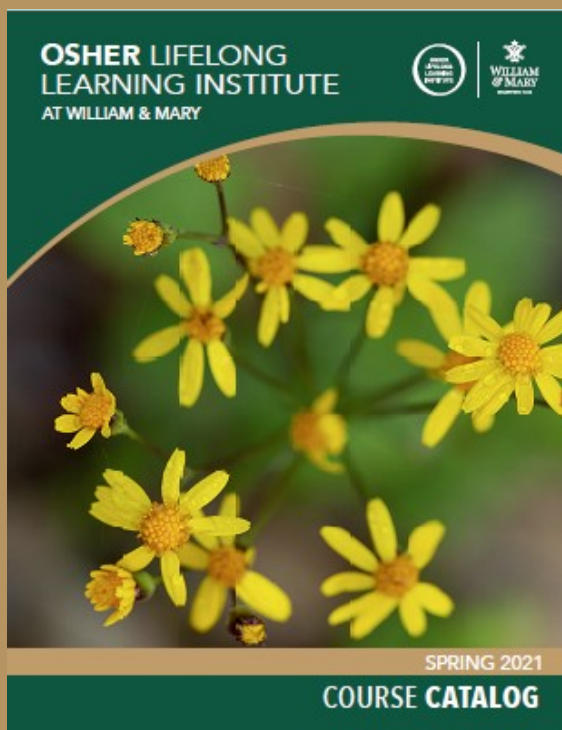
Osher's Associate Director, Carrie Lehman, conducted Zoom training for both Instructors and volunteer Class Assistants for the Spring 2021 semester. Online courses require incorporating course content in new ways virtually, as well as more staff time - we appreciate the willingness of all our volunteers who help the staff manage of the load of over 100 courses!

Sound interesting?

There is still time to volunteer as a Class Assistant!

[Contact us](#) and let us know!

A Special Thank You to Our Advertisers



Thank you, to all the organizations that advertised in our spring 2021 Course Catalog.

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Susanne Dana, Williamsburg Realty
Watson Mowry, PC
Williamsburg Center for Dental Health
Williamsburg Landing
Williamsburg League of Women Voters

Their support helped to pay for its production and distribution to over 2200 members and the agencies to

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 submitting membership fee refund requests to osher@wm.edu is the first day of each semester.

For Spring 2021, the refund deadline is February 1.

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

February 1: First Day of Classes for Spring Semester!

February 12: 8am - Current Registration System No Longer Available

February 12 8am - February 15 8am: No Registration Available (Systems Down for Maintenance)

February 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

February 15: 8am - New Registration System Online

March 13-21: Spring Break No Classes

May 21: Last Day of Classes for Spring Semester

May 31: Memorial Day
The office will be closed in honor of the holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, June 1 at 8am.



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