

## The Osher News February 2022

### The Valentine's Day Edition!



### Spring Is In Swing!

**The Spring Semester Has Begun! And, You Can Still Register!** While our initial course request period is over, you can still register for classes. While we do have several popular classes with waitlists, a lot of wonderful courses are still available. Click [here](#) to register or contact the Osher office for assistance.

### Catalog Corrections

Some changes have been made to the calendar already. You can find those changes listed [here](#). Please be sure to check back often as the pandemic still continues to shift our schedule this spring.

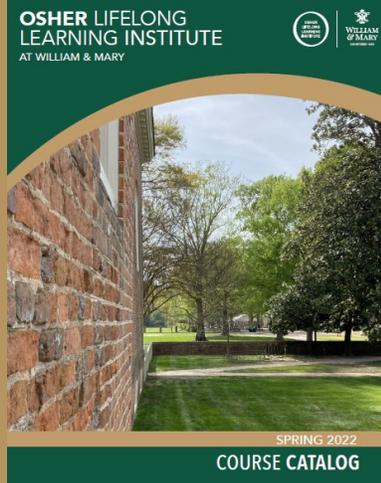
### Support Course Catalog Advertisers

Thank you, to all the organizations that advertised in our Spring 2022 Course Catalog

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Their support helped to pay for its production and distribution to over 2200 members and the agencies to whom we market our Institute.



## Welcome New Instructors!



Welcome to our new instructors! They offer a diverse background and expertise and are offering dynamic courses this semester. They will get us up and moving, facilitate discussions of current affairs, teach us about different cultures and religions, give us insight into World War II, and inspire us by their life stories. This photo was taken at our new instructor orientation in January.

## Class Assistants and Hosts

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be class assistants and hosts for this semester and came to the training sessions that we had. We are still seeking volunteers for future classes if anyone is still interested in helping out. You can call us at 757-221-1506 or email us at [osher@wm.edu](mailto:osher@wm.edu) for more information about what being a host or assistant entails.



## Plan Ahead When Visiting the Osher Office

The Osher staff will be supporting both online classes via Zoom as well as in-person classes again this semester while we work to replace vacant positions within the Osher staff itself. That means that we don't always have someone available to assist you if you're stopping by during the peak times before classes are scheduled to begin for the morning or afternoon (8.45am-9.45am and 12.45pm-2.15pm).

To help, we encourage you to visit the office during non-peak times or email us at [osher@wm.edu](mailto:osher@wm.edu) for assistance. You're also able to reach us by calling 757-221-1506 and leaving a message and we will return your call. Thanks so much for your continued patience as we return to a full schedule with extra COVID protocols in place following the previous virtual only format.

**Save The Date!**

Our spring **New Member Welcome Event** will be coming on **March 15, 2022**. More details will be coming your way soon! And, our **Annual Member Meeting** and 30th Anniversary Celebration will be held in **May 2022**.

## Interested in Volunteering for a Committee?

Are you interested in serving on our Membership Committee, Curriculum Committee, or Finance Committee? Want to learn more about any of these? Send an email to [osher@wm.edu](mailto:osher@wm.edu) and let us know. We'll connect you with a current committee member so you can learn more!

## Local Arts Scene

### EDGAR DEGAS: THE PRIVATE IMPRESSIONIST

February 12, 2022 - May 29, 2022

Works by Degas in this exhibition consist of drawings, prints, photographs, monotypes, one sculpture, and a letter, all from a single private collection. The collection endeavors to illuminate the background and personality of Edgar Degas the man, as well as to present his genius as an artist.

The subject matter of these works by Degas is often quite personal. In addition to three rare self-portraits, the collection includes depictions of close family members, his loyal housekeeper Sabine Neyt, and multiple portraits of artists Édouard Manet and Mary Cassatt.



Learn more about Muscarelle Museum art on exhibit and special events [here](#).

Visit the **Kimball Theatre** calendar for upcoming performances [here](#).

## Indoor Mask Reminder

We wanted to share a quick update from W&M's Public Health Advisory Team. After additional consideration, proof of vaccination and a booster dose is no longer required for members of the community who regularly frequent W&M facilities as members of Osher, the Rec Center, and the Tennis Center. While this change is now in effect, we will likely see little impact this Spring semester as we already had completed verifying vaccinations of members attending in-person classes prior to the start of the semester on January 31. As a public health precaution, we continue to encourage members not to attend in-person classes if you are feeling ill. **Masks are still required to be worn in all indoor locations at W&M and for off-campus locations hosting Osher classes.**

Masks are required in indoor shared spaces.



Please visit W&M's Path Forward site for more health and safety guidelines.

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Wear a face mask.

Remember to:



Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

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## Reminder: Who Do I Call?



Just a friendly reminder that, if there are problems in any classroom, please contact the Osher office – not staff at facility.

You can reach us 757-221-1506 by using the phone in the classroom.

## 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 has now passed.

### 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.**

### Guest Policy

Osher Institute at W&M courses, one-time lectures, and activities (including Town & Gown Noon Lecture Series) are intended for Osher members. A member's guest may attend a course or an activity once (one single 2-hour session on one single date), only if the course is not fully subscribed. Local guests must be considering joining the Osher Institute at W&M. Please contact the Osher office regarding guests you may be interested in bringing.

The Osher office will be able to tell you if your guest request is approved. Please be prepared to share guest



contact information, as it must be provided prior to any guest attending.

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