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## Fall Registration Coming Soon

Our fall semester is just around the corner! With a wide variety of subjects ranging from Homer to Walt Whitman, the American West to Paris in its golden years, and studying bugs to appreciating rugs, there is a little bit of something for everyone this fall. The catalog will be posted to our website and copies mailed on July 13. The course request period will be July 28 - August 2. For registration assistance, please click on the links below.

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### Scholarships Available for the Fall

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 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 (757) 221-1506.

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## In Memoriam

We are saddened to inform you that one of our instructors, Glenn Markus has died. Glenn has been a part of the Osher family for over 20 years, teaching classes, such as, "**The Rise of Christianity in Ancient Rome.**"



His fascination with archaeology started when he was in sixth grade as he looked at a fish tank holding layers of sand taken from the same location over a long period of time. He became very interested in ancient Roman society and earned degrees in philosophy (epistemology) and in Greek and Roman studies, both from Johns Hopkins University. In addition to teaching for Osher, he had been an instructor at other educational programs for seniors in Virginia.

Glenn loved to teach and had this to say about his courses: "*I strive not so much in making attendees experts but getting a spark started in them to learn more and enjoy gaining knowledge.*"

Thank you, Glenn, for igniting that spark in us all.

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## 5 Free Online Lectures in July!

Host: The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University



### Topics & Speakers

July 1 at 2:00 p.m. - Perspectives on the 2020 Elections with Barbara Comstock

July 14 at 9:40 a.m. - Ten Women Writers with Kay Menchel Session 2

July 15 at 11:50 a.m. - Demystifying Cryptocurrency

July 22 at 9:40 a.m. - iPhone 101

July 22 at 2:00 p.m. - The Politics of the 2020 U.S. Census: Do You Really Count?

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqBGv3kwSLLSUadazXI7Nyg>

Description: Use the link above to explore the five topics and speakers of these five live lectures streaming in July - Open to the public! Use this same link to join in on the lectures at their scheduled date and time (see schedule through the link).

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## New Member - Sarah Cissna

Sarah Cissna, a special events coordinator in D.C., is one of Osher's newest and youngest members. As an alumna of William & Mary, Sarah received an email sent to all of our alumni advertising our current summer semester. As a busy mom working from home during the pandemic, she was attracted to the ease of our one-time lectures.

Having previously worked in the theater field, she signed up for Dan Sherman's Broadway courses and watched with her 5 year old daughter, who thoroughly enjoyed the musical clips. Sarah especially appreciated Beth Guiliano's Shorts for the Summer and Scott Langhorst's Through the Hollywood Lens.

Looking ahead, Sarah would love to take more one time lectures and thinks that the Osher Institute at William & Mary is a great way to connect other alumni back to their alma mater. She encourages anyone who has the time to sign up for courses to exercise their brain and to learn from our brilliant and engaging instructors.

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## Farewell from Helen Hamilton

The Osher Institute at William and Mary is sad to announce the retirement of one of our instructors, Helen Hamilton. You may remember Helen from her workshop on mosses. She collects and identifies these small plants and sends them off to university herbaria, which takes up all her time now. Below is a note from her:

"After 15 years, I am terminating my "career" of developing classes for Osher, since I am now old with other interests that fully occupy my time. Many and varied were the topics of my classes, some from my own experiences with plants and gardening, others from a developing interest in history, that required much research on my part. It was a lot of fun, and so rewarding -- I learned a lot and met some nice people.

Many thanks to Scherry and staff for their continued support of my proposals, class organization and help when things went awry. And massive thanks to all the board members and volunteers that make the organization flow smoothly. Our lifelong learning group must be one of the best in the nation. "

Helen Hamilton

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