



The Osher News September 2020 The "Back To School" Edition

It's Not Too Late!

Fall registration is still open. Though we will miss being together in person, enjoy a semester in the convenience of your home. An added benefit is you will have no parking hassles! Online courses allow for larger class sizes, so many great courses and one-time lectures are available.

If you have any questions about registering, leave us a message at 757-221-1506 or email us at osher@wm.edu.



Catalog Changes

There have been several changes to course lineups. Changes can always be found on our webpage under "Announcements".

[Read Updates Here](#)

Member Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteers Still Needed

Even though our courses are online, we still have need for some online helpers and some courses still need Zoom class assistants. Training will be provided for any who wish to assist.

If interested, email us at osher@wm.edu.

Announcements

Photo Book In Memory

Norm Rictor, our longtime, beloved photography instructor who passed away earlier this year, has been memorialized with a book of his photographs. The book, which includes approximately 100 of Norm's photographs, is available for purchase at a cost of \$43. Interested parties should contact Craig Hill at 571-437-3130.



Behind the Scenes of the Fall Semester



Advisory Board

While not able to meet in person, your Board is still on the job, making sure that even in the uncertainty that the COVID19 pandemic brings, the Osher Institute at W&M is dedicated to providing the best experience for our members.

Program Committee

Our program committee met on August 14 and welcomed 2 new category coordinators: Bill Rhodes to represent Religion and Philosophy and Ed McMahon to represent Computer and Technology. While our fall semester is just about to begin, the committee is planning ahead and gearing up to receive course proposals for the upcoming spring 2021 semester.



New Instructor Orientation

Last month, at the New Instructors Orientation presentation, we welcomed nine instructors to our program. This event, offered at the beginning of every semester, is an opportunity to meet the new instructors and to provide important “need to know” information. Using the Zoom platform, Scherry Barra, Director, led the instructors through a Power Point presentation. Ann Teske, Program Chair, several program committee members, and the Osher staff were also available to introduce themselves and to answer any questions. All in all, it was a delightful morning! Without question, we are extremely fortunate to be able to add these talented new instructors to our program. Again, welcome!

Osher Institute Policies & Important Dates



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). Members are free to register for open courses (up to 8 course max) at any time, even after a semester begins.

September 14 is the deadline for refunds of the membership fee. Please send a written request with brief explanation to osher@wm.edu.



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

While the temperature is still hovering around 90 and summer showers have been a daily occurrence, Fall is just around the corner! We're excited to kick off our semester soon with great new courses, as well as our returning favorites!

September 14 -
Classes Begin

September 14 -
Request for Refund
Deadline

November 23-27 -
Thanksgiving Break
- No Osher Classes

December 11 - Last
Day of Class

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