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 Course Availability

It’s not too late to sign up for Osher courses! Here are some great offerings that still have seats available:

How Serious Literature Can Also Be Fun to Read - Terry Nienhuis | Thu 9:30-11:30am | 3 Sessions | 11/18/2021-12/9/2021 | Discovery 1, Room 136

What Ships Had to Deal with During the Coronavirus and Global Warming - Jacob Polderman | Tue 1:30-3:30pm | 3 Sessions | 11/16/2021-12/7/2021 | School of Ed, Room 2030

Monologue, Dialogue, Cacaphologue - Lawrence Durrett | Mon 1:30-3:30pm | 3 Sessions | 11/15/2021-12/6/2021 | Williamsburg Landing, Alvin P. Anderson
Auditorium

Finding Sense of Place in the New Normal - Lynda Dunnigan | Tue 4:30-6:30pm | 3 Sessions | 10/5/2021-10/19/2021 | Discovery 1, Room 136

On the Way to Well: Journaling for Reflection, Renewal, Healing and Wholeness - Wendy LeBolt | Wed 1:30-3:30pm | 3 Sessions | 10/27/2021-11/10/2021 | School of Ed, Room 2056

Operas in Spanish, By Hispanic Composers, or with Latino Perspective - Naama Zahavi-Ely & Jorge Parodi | Wed 9:30-11:30am | 3 Sessions | 10/6/2021-10/20/2021 | Zoom

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 or calling the office at 757-221-1506.

Bon Voyage to Carrie!

As many of you may have heard already, our fantastic Associate Director Carrie Lehman, had her last day with Osher on Friday, August 27. While Carrie will be greatly missed, we wish her the best as she begins this new chapter with her family that involved an out of state transfer. Bon Voyage, Carrie! And a heartfelt thank you from your Osher at W&M family!

Remembering September 11, 2001

As we approach September 11, 2021, we pause to remember the events of that day. We remember the heroic work that was done by so many, those who were lost, and those who continued on to rebuild, repair, and try to heal. Osher will be offering special events to members as well as those open to the general public. The first of these special announcements is shared below.

The Muscarelle Museum of Art will commemorate September 11 through the lens of architecture with an exhibition, Forever Marked By The Day, that examines the making and remaking of the World Trade Center site. Museum Director David Brashear will give several gallery talks over the course of the exhibition, with the first beginning on opening day Friday, September 10, 2021...
In Memoriam

Professor Emeritus of Classical Studies Julian Ward Jones Jr. passed away on August 28, 2021. He was born on July 11, 1930, at Essex County, Virginia and grew up in Fredericksburg. He accepted a position as Associate Professor at William & Mary in the Department of Ancient Languages in 1961. In his long career at W&M, Professor Jones served as Chair of the Department for over ten years and was instrumental in revising its curriculum and renaming it as the Department of Classical Studies. He also served as the President of several important professional organizations, including the Classical Association of Virginia, the Southern Section of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, and the Mediterranean Society of America.

After 40 years of service, Professor Jones retired from full-time teaching at William and Mary in 2001, but his interest in classical scholarship remained strong and he continued his travels to ancient lands along with his wife, Elizabeth Jones, also a Classics Professor. He kept teaching about Roman Britain, Pompeii, and other topics for the College’s Christopher Wren Association. Upon his retirement, W&M students, alumni, and friends established an endowment for an annual lecture in his name, honoring his legacy in the Department of Classics in teaching, research, and service.

Current W&M COVID Requirements

We would like to help familiarize you with the signs that you can expect to see while on campus this fall. As a reminder, all Osher members attending in-person classes (whether at W&M or at an off-campus location such as Williamsburg Landing) are required to be fully vaccinated and wear masks while inside buildings.

Masks must also be worn outdoors while on campus (currently extending through September 22, 2021) unless you are eating, drinking or can maintain appropriate physical distancing of at least six (6) feet.

Name badges must be worn to identify yourself as an Osher member.

We are committed to keeping our members updated as we near our return to classes this fall. Attending in-person classes is just one option that we are offering this semester, please know that Zoom classes do still exist and you can log back into the registration system at any time to move out of an in-person class and into a Zoom class. The registration system will remain open until December.
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

Also, a special thank you to all those volunteers serving as Instructors, Class Assistants, and Class Hosts who attended in-person a/v training during the week of August 23-27.
Reminder for all Instructors, Class Assistants and Hosts, if there are problems in any classroom, please contact the Osher office, not staff at the facility. The Osher number should be listed on all phones in the classroom.

Welcome to New Instructors

Osher Institute at W&M would like to extend a warm welcome to our new instructors. We recently held a new instructor orientation and enjoyed getting to know them better. They all come with unique backgrounds and extensive knowledge of their subjects. We hope you will enjoy the wide variety of new subjects that they bring to Osher.

Carol Bender, Judy Corello, Stuart Butler, Mark Howell, Elaine Jansen, Joseph Johnson, Nancy Johnston, Horace Mann, Diane Schwarz, Sherene Silverberg, Bob Tubbs, Adrian Williams, Alexis Witt, Timothy Wray

They were also our very first "hybrid" training!

Name Tag Reminder

Name tags will be emailed to members who have verified their vaccination status if attending in person. Members taking classes via zoom only will not be emailed a name tag.

Name tags are required to attend in-person classes (on-campus or off-campus). Members will not be permitted into classes without a name badge. If you are unable to print your name badge, please contact the Osher office so we can print it for you and you can pick up on your first day of class. Please remember, masks are also required at this time.

If you do not get your nametag by 1pm on Friday, September 10, contact the Osher office at 757-221-1506 or osher@wm.edu to follow up before your first class.

We thank you in advance for coinciding your follow up with your first day of in-person class.

Parking Permit Reminders

Parking information can be found on the Osher website. Completed forms and payment may be dropped off at the Osher office. Please allow at least a full business week for processing. Permits may be picked up at the Osher office, please call to confirm your permit is ready before making the trip to pick up.

Osher Institute Policies

Refund Policy  Inclement Weather  Important Dates
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.

September 10: Final batch of name tags emailed to members enrolled in in-person class

September 13: First Day of Fall Classes; Fall 2021 Registration Cancellation Deadline is at 8am