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**Director's Message**

It takes Herculean strength to put these newsletters together, just as it takes a degree of stamina akin to running a marathon to read them! This month's *E-News* is no exception. One man who has boundless energy and would breeze through our *E-News* is Bernard Osher, founder of the Osher Foundation. I was fortunate to meet him twice in the last month, once when he visited Northwestern and again at the OLLI National Conference in Charlotte (pictured). Mr. Osher, aged 88, is an inspiration to us all. He surfs, for starters....

Happy reading!

Best,

Kirsty Montgomery

Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Northwestern University

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**THIS WEEK at OLLI:**

**Monday, November 2**

- 11:45am - 12:45pm - Diversity Initiative Forum - (EV)

**Tuesday, November 3**

- 10am - 12pm - OLLI Information Session (CH)
- 12:15 - 1:15pm - Theater Day Planning Committee Meeting (CH)
- 1:30 - 2:30pm - Study Group special lecture: The Anthropocene - Dr. Fredrik Albritton Jonsson

**Wednesday, November 4**

- 12:00 - 1:15pm - Development Committee Meeting (CH)
- 12:15 - 1:15pm - Lets Talk About the Movies (CH)
- 3:15 - 4:15pm - Coordinator Development Committee meeting (EV)
- 3:30 - 5:00pm - Powerpoint Basics (EV)

**Thursday, November 5**

- 3:40 - 5:00pm - "How To Get the Most From Your iPad" (CH)

**Friday, November 6**
Increasing membership diversity at OLLI is an important goal set by the Advisory Council. Chicago and Evanston are home to vibrant populations of African-Americans and a multiplicity of other people of color and diverse ethnic backgrounds - all of whom who are under-represented in OLLI. Recognizing that increasing membership diversity can broaden our understanding of the world, challenge our assumptions, and enrich our OLLI experience, our goal is to become more diverse and inclusive.

Would you like to help implement this initiative? Register to attend an open forum on increasing membership diversity at OLLI to share your ideas and help plan for the future. A follow-up meeting will be held on Monday, November 16.

**Evanston Campus - 1840 Oak Ave**
**Monday, November 2**
**11:45am - 12:45pm**

**Register**

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A GUEST LECTURE IN 'THE ANTHROPOCENE' STUDY GROUP ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

**The Anthropocene: A Dialogue between Science and History?**

**Fredrik Albritton Jonsson**
Associate Professor of British History, Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science, and the College
The University of Chicago
The concept of the Anthropocene introduces the idea of the human species as a geological agent, capable of altering the life supporting system of the whole planet through anthropogenic climate change and other environmental pressures. Paradoxically, the bad news of the Anthropocene is also a moment of intellectual exhilaration for the social sciences and humanities. The Anthropocene forces us to rethink some of the most fundamental concepts in our research, such as modernity, growth, justice, and scale in light of new pressing problems of carbon emissions, mitigation, and adaptation. This talk will explore the role of historians in the debate about climate change, with a particular emphasis on the history of energy consumption, intergenerational justice, and the debate over the limits to growth.

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2015
1:30 - 3:30 pm
Wieboldt Hall, 339 E. Chicago Ave. Room TBA
To register - email Paula Foster p-foster@northwestern.edu

OLLI TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

POWERPOINT BASICS

Instructor: Bill Herbert

PowerPoint is Microsoft's premier tool to facilitate presentations for both Windows and Mac. Learn how to this tool, or improve your skill, in order to enliven your next presentation to your study group or club or just to show off highlights of your vacation to family and friends. We will cover creating slides, navigating, adding transitions between slides, creating backgrounds, importing images and embedding video and sound. We will also talk about what makes an interesting presentation and how to avoid some common mistakes that can detract from the show. Instruction will also be provided on how to use the multimedia facilities in the OLLI classrooms.

Join us and make your next presentation even more interesting. Enrollment limited so sign up early. This is a two session class and the material will be cumulative. You must commit to both sessions. FOR PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS CLICK HERE

Evanston Campus
Session 1: Wednesday, November 4
Session 2: Wednesday, November 11
3:30 - 5:00pm
Register

NEXT WEEK at OLLI:
Monday, November 9
Tuesday, November 10

- 12:15 - 1:15pm - Previews and Reviews (CH)

Wednesday, November 11

- 11:45am - 12:45pm - OLLI Talks Books (EV)
- 12:15 - 1:15pm - Lets Talk About The Movies (CH)
- 3:30 - 5:00pm - Powerpoint Basics (EV)

Thursday, November 12

- 11:45am - 12:45pm - Lets Talk About The Movies (EV)
- 12:15- 1:15pm - Academic Enrichment Committee Meeting (CH)
- 3:40 - 5:00pm - "How To Get the Most From Your iPad" (CH)

Friday, November 13

- 10:00 - 11:30am - O2 Talks: Introduction to Positive Psychology (CH)
- 11:45am - 12:45pm - Study Group Committee Meeting (EV)
- 1:30 - 4:30pm - OLLI Outing - Driehaus Museum

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**OLLI TALKS BOOKS!**

Take part in monthly lunchtime book discussions held on the Evanston campus. Bring your brown bag lunch to campus and savo(u)r the exchange of ideas.

**Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 11:45am - 12:45pm**
Evanston Campus (Oak. Ave)
Discussion Leader: Susan Gaud

**The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics**


Daniel James Brown's robust book tells the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from
eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic games in Berlin, 1936.

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FANTASTIC FRIDAYS

Join us for the 3rd O2 Talks:
OLLI's partnership with Northwestern's Osher Center for Integrative Medicine!

**O2 Talks: Introduction to Positive Psychology**

Speaker: Helene Moore, PsyD

Positive Psychology is a more complete and balanced scientific understanding of the human experience, with human flourishing being the goal. This talk will provide an overview of this new field, as well as teach tools to be incorporated immediately into daily life that will increase overall well-being and life satisfaction.

Friday November 13, 2015 from 10:00 - 11:30am
OLLI Chicago Campus, Wieboldt Hall, Room 408

Register

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OLLI GOES TO THE
Evanston's Academic Enrichment Committee has scheduled a private tour of the Richard H Driehaus Museum located at 40 East Erie Street. The museum is housed within the historic Samuel M Nickerson House, the 1883 residence of a wealthy Chicago Banker. Although the mansion has been restored, the Driehaus Museum does not re-create the Nickerson period but rather broadly interprets and displays the prevailing design, architecture, and decorating tastes of the Gilded Age America and the art nouveau era in permanent and special exhibitions. The cost is $17.50 per person.

SAVE THE DATE - EVENTS THROUGH THE END OF NOVEMBER

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL OLLI CALENDAR

- 11/2 Diversity Initiative Forum (Evanston)
- 11/5 Guy Fawkes Night ("Remember, Remember the 5th of November...")
- 11/11 OLLI Talks Books (Evanston)
- 11/13 O2 Talks: Introduction to Positive Psychology (Chicago)
- 11/16 OUTSIDE OLLI: Lyric Opera of Chicago (Chicago)
- 11/17 Noontime Lecture: Dr. David Ansel (Chicago)
- 11/18 Town Hall meeting with OLLI Director - all members (EV)
- 11/19 Town Hall meeting with OLLI Director - all members (CH)
- 11/20 Theatre Day (Chicago)
- 11/20 Evanston Academic Enrichment - Andrew Koppelman
- 11/25 Spring Proposals Due
OLLI* LYRIC OPERA:
Bel Canto

Explore Bel Canto, the New Opera
Based on the Novel by Ann Patchett

An examination of the opera's genesis, adaptation process, production design and concept, plot and characters, musical style and structure, and more. Delve into Lyric Opera of Chicago's world premiere opera with Lyric audience education manager Jesse Gram and a special guest from the Bel Canto creative team. Guests welcome

7:00 - 8:30 pm,
Monday, November 16, 2015, Chicago (Wieboldt 147)

Discount rate tickets to the performance at Lyric Opera will be available to OLLI members. For more details contact Kirsty Montgomery

* Future OUTSIDE OLLI events include Apollo Chorus' Handel's Messiah, Too Hot to Handel, and Siamsa Na nGael

CHICAGO ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE
NOONTIME LECTURE SERIES

HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES IN CHICAGO

With David A. Ansell, MD, MPH

Senior Vice President for Systems Integration and former Chief Medical Officer - Rush University Medical
Social inequity and wealth inequality are defining challenges of our time leading to significant disparities in health outcomes based on zip code. Dr. David Ansell has long been a champion of good healthcare for all of Chicago's citizens and a tireless advocate of efforts to eliminate health inequities and reform the structure of the US healthcare system. His 30 years as a provider to the medically under-served have made him a vocal supporter of single-payer healthcare.

Dr. Ansell spent 17 years at Cook County Hospital and was inspired to write the fascinating memoir and social history *County: Life, Death, and Politics in Chicago's Public Hospital* based on his experiences there. In his role as Chief of Internal Medicine at the Sinai Health System, he helped establish the Sinai Urban Health Institute, one of Chicago's leading health disparities research centers. He was also an inaugural member of the Cook County Health and Hospital System board of directors where he chaired the quality of care committee. He has been particularly active in the fight to reduce breast cancer mortality and inequality in Chicago and is currently the board chair of the Metropolitan Chicago Breast-Cancer Task Force.

**Tuesday, November 17, 2015**
**12:15 - 1:15 pm**
**Wieboldt Hall, 339 E. Chicago Ave. Room 408**

Refreshments will be served - Reservations required - Guests are welcome

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**OLLI TOWN HALL MEETINGS**
with **OLLI Director Kirsty Montgomery**

Come and meet Kirsty, hear about improvements to the program, and its future. Use this opportunity to ask questions and air concerns about OLLI. Coffee and biscuits will be provided. All members welcome - no registration required.

**Wednesday, November 18**
**11:45am - 12:45pm, Evanston Campus (Oak**
REGISTER NOW FOR THEATER DAY

OLLI Celebrates Theater!

Friday, November 20, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Our annual joint-campus fall semester event at Wieboldt Hall (Chicago)
$20 including lunch

A special day-long event featuring a talk by
Nick Sandys, Artistic Director of Remy Bumppo Theatre
followed by lunch and interactive theater workshops

Program

Act I.
The Accidental Artistic Director & the Challenges of Running a Mid-Sized Theatre
A talk by Nick Sandys, Artistic Director of Remy Bumppo Theatre

Intermission
Boxed lunch & Shakespeare Parade

Act II.
WORKSHOPS! Choose two hour-long workshops from an enticing array

- PLAY READING: Beyond the lines
- RHYTHM! Drumming to explore the heartbeat of rhythm
- YOU! THE SET DESIGNER: Constructing the world of the play
- SAMBA! The dance of Carnaval
- IMPROVISATION FOR EVERYONE: Actors, non-actors, and OLLI members

Act III.
No experience needed! Come to explore, come to participate, come to observe and then try it yourself. REGISTER NOW TO JOIN THE FUN!

COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION BY REGISTERING ONLINE BELOW OR FILLING IN A PAPER REGISTRATION FORM. THEN, BRING YOUR $20 CHECK OR CASH TO YOUR CAMPUS OFFICE

Register early to have your choice of workshops. Final due date for receipt, including payment: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015

THE EVANSTON ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

"Is Hobby Lobby Bad for Religious Liberty?"

with Andrew M M Koppelman
John Paul Stevens Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science at Northwestern University

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Evanston Campus, 1840 Oak Ave
1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Imagine a world where religious people are a kind of aristocratic elite who are entitled to injure nonadherents with impunity. In 1990, the Supreme Court held that "courting anarchy" in this manner was a conclusive reason to hold that there is no constitutional right to religious exemptions from laws of general applicability. The Hobby Lobby decision (by some of the same judges!) threatens to bring that world into being.

If government refusals to accommodate conscientious objectors are viewed with the kind of skepticism that the Court displays in Hobby Lobby, then claims of accommodation will always be supported by some imaginable less restrictive means, even if its enactment is
politically impossible. The consequence in practice will be an interpretation of religious liberty in which adherents get to harm nonadherents. If this is the official meaning of religious liberty, then the broad acceptance of religious liberty will fade.

Andrew Koppelman is John Paul Stevens Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science at Northwestern University, where he received the 2015 Walder Award for Research Excellence. His scholarship focuses on issues at the intersection of law and political philosophy. His latest books are The Tough Luck Constitution and the Assault on Health Care Reform (Oxford University Press, 2013) and Defending American Religious Neutrality (Harvard University Press, 2013). He has also published more than 100 articles in books and scholarly journals, and is an occasional contributor to Salon.com and the Balkinization blog.
WITH JOHN HUSTON

Tuesday, December 1, 2015
12:15 - 1:15 pm
Wieboldt Hall, 339 E. Chicago Ave. Room 408

John uses stories from his unsupported expedition to the North Pole to illustrate ways to achieve your goals and succeed facing challenges. He focuses on the importance of maintaining a positive mental outlook and commitment to the team throughout the journey. He also discusses positive structures such as routines and thorough preparation. Highlighted by stunning imagery and emotional accounts of extreme human endurance, this presentation will leave you energized to take on the challenges you face.

John Huston has completed major expeditions to the North Pole, South Pole, on Greenland, and most recently on Canada's fabled Ellesmere Island. In 2009, he and his expedition partner became the first Americans to reach the North Pole unsupported - a self-sufficient and self-powered journey of 55 days and over 475 miles. A resident of Evanston, IL, John works as a motivational speaker, safety and logistics consultant, and wilderness guide. He regularly speaks to companies and business organizations, using his expedition stories to discuss taking on challenge.

Register

Refreshments will be served - Reservations required - Guests are welcome

Evanston INSIDE OLLI PRESENTS:
A Tale of Two Judges

In an informal panel discussion, OLLI's two former judges will respond to questions posed to them by a moderator, followed by questions from the audience. Ian Levin and Bob Moss will share their views on such timely topics as:

. Judge or Jury? What is a defendant's best chance for justice?
. "Justice Deferred is Justice Denied" Why do the wheels turn so slowly?
. Settlements or verdicts? Which serve the country better?
. U.S. Supreme Court ... How do SCOTUS decisions affect a judge's view?
. Your question ... Your chance to ask a judge!

Wednesday, December 2
11:45am - 12:45pm,
Evanston Campus (Oak Ave)

Register
Outside OLLI*

**HANDEL's MESSIAH**

Explore Handel's *Messiah* with Dr. Stephen Alltop

Few works are more time-honored than Handel's *Messiah*. A musical rite of the holiday season, this Baroque-era oratorio still awes listeners over 270 years after its composition. Dr. Stephen Alltop will demystify this musical masterpiece. Join him for two lectures as he examines one of the most influential artists and compositions in music history. In addition, you are invited to attend a rehearsal of the *Messiah* by Apollo Chorus conducted by Dr. Alltop on December 17, and the performance at Harris Theater on either December 19 or 20.

*12:15 - 1:15 pm, Tuesday, December 8 & 15, Chicago (Wieboldt 147)*
Discount rate tickets to the performance of Apollo Chorus' Handel's *Messiah* will be available to OLLI members. For more details contact Kirsty Montgomery.

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EVANSTON COORDINATOR

Janet Lang on the Chicago campus is looking for a coordinator on the Evanston campus to run a parallel Study Group on the subject *The Community Challenge: Urban Violence*. The Study Group will include outside speakers, field trips, and participant project work. To contact Janet click [HERE](#).

OLL IN ACTION: COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING

Are you interested in volunteering in your community, but haven’t found the right “fit” yet? Join some OLLI members who keep their Civic Engagement Study Group experience going by continuing to volunteer together monthly with two OLLI community partners.

- We currently volunteer on alternate first Fridays of every month with the [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#) where we pack food for needy families, and the [Lincoln Park Community Shelter](#) where we cook breakfast for homeless residents.
- OLLI members are notified monthly via e-mail of the group reservation with the OLLI community partner and commit to volunteer whenever they are available.
- Generally shared transportation can be mutually arranged.
- If you would like to find out more or be notified of current community volunteering opportunities with these two organizations in Chicago, contact Donna Kapche at [dkapche@gmail.com](mailto:dkapche@gmail.com) to be put on a monthly distribution list and advised of community partner organization requirements.

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For more information or to volunteer as a co-coordinator, contact Study Group Committee Chairs directly Jean Weber (Chicago) or Lail Herman (Evanston)