A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The summer session covered some very unusual subjects. We explored the Nashville Soundscape through the eyes of Robert Fry. What a view he gave us. We listened to a variety of music from the 20’s to the 60’s. It all culminated with an incredible visit to the famous Studio “B” recording studio. Lealan Swanson raised the question “What does it mean to be an African-American visual artist?” At the end of the lecture portion of the course we had a real treat with a guided tour with Victor Simmons of the art held by Fisk University. Dave Dowell led us through the complexity of DNA analysis. He gave us tools that would allow each individual to obtain their DNA. This DNA could be used to trace family lineage or our origins thru human migration over 1000’s of years. Of course the Steel Drum Band continues to master the skills needed for an outstanding performance. John Bridges presented “Design through the Ages” with incredible slides and vast knowledge. He took us from ancient Egypt to modern buildings. Carlene Robinson presented “Enriching Life: A Guide to Extraordinary Living”. She gave us the concepts of non-confrontational human interaction and helpful tools to implement those concepts. Mitchell Korn presented “Introduction to Symphony 101”. He gave us unique insights into the minds and lives of the classical masters and an appreciation for the music they created. There was even time to listen to many of the great classics. A highlight of the summer was a cooking class by Alice Randall, and her daughter Caroline. What a treat and what a delight she and her daughter were to be around. The course “Cooking with Soul Food Love” based on the book by Alice. The “Fall Kick-off” began the celebration of OLLI’s 20th anniversary. We recognized key individuals in the OLLI program over those 20 years. The past professors, who were present, were given a healthy round of applause to show their importance and our appreciation for their effort. The fall will begin with “Rhythm & Blues Tore Down the Walls of Segregation” presented by Mitchell Korn. After his great work this summer this will be another musical education. Then we move to “Hidden Books from the Biblical World” presented by James L. Crenshaw. He has many years working in biblical literature and history. He will certainly use that knowledge to enlighten us. Molly Miller presents “How the Earth Works and Why It Matters” drawing from her vast experience and knowledge. That experience includes actually living in Antarctica. Michael Newton will present for us “Legal and Policy Issues in Modern Warfare” which is a very important subject in our very dangerous world. His background includes extensive involvement in the Middle East, Ukraine and other hot spots. Maybe he has some insight on Syria. Clive Mentzel will present “Who Was Nelson Mandela”. His background includes extensive involvement in moving South Africa peacefully to a democratic form of government. He will draw on that experience to describe for us Nelson Mandela. Malcolm Getz will present “Our Urban Agenda” and with a new mayor in Nashville the timing is perfect. Alexandra Sargent Capps will present “The Artistic and Collaborative Process of Creating the Theatre Experience”. She will draw on her extensive theater knowledge and experience. Carl Johnson will present “Circadian Rhythms and Sleep”. Who in our age group could not use a little of this knowledge. We will again present our “Intellectual Sampler” which was a big hit last year.

As you can see, we will cover a wide range of subjects with something for ever interest. Please join us and have a great fall!

Rich Hohman, OLLI President

CURRICULUM CHAIR’S CORNER

The OLLI at VU Curriculum Committee has offered the “Intellectual Sampler” course twice and it has been very successful. The goal of the “Sampler” has been twofold – to recruit professors that may not be familiar with the Osher program in the hope that they will be willing to teach an entire series at a future date and to allow the students to explore new topics of interest and gain from the expertise of our talented faculty.

If you have suggestions of speakers you would like to hear, please e-mail oshervu@vanderbilt.edu.

Paul Gherman, Curriculum Chair
Join us in welcoming one hundred and eighteen new members for the 2015 Fall term!

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Tim Arnold
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Guided tour of Chattanooga, Tennessee

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 7:15 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.

• Leaving from Belle Meade Methodist Church (121 Davidson Road)
• Wear comfortable shoes for there will be walking and stairs.
• Take a tour of the Chattanooga Choo Choo
• Explore the Chattanooga National Cemetery
• Tour the Bluff View Art District
• Lunch at the North Shore District
• End the day at the beautiful Point Park

Cost: $50 per person

Registration Deadline: November 11th

To register, visit Vanderbilt.edu/olli, click the “OLLI Classes & Events” tab at the top of the page, then find “Fall Day Trip” under the “special Events” tab.
FEATURING: THE OLLI BOOK CLUB

Want to join a book club but don’t want to feel guilty about missing a month or not wanting to read a certain book? Consider joining other OLLI members on the first Monday of each month (excluding January) for the Olli Book Club, held at noon in the upstairs conference room at St. George’s Episcopal Church. Books are suggested by the Book Club participants and include all genres. Among the books we have read are: “Dead Wake”, Erik Larsen; “The Things They Carried”, Tim O’Brien; “Boys in the Boat”, Daniel James Brown; “All the Light We Cannot See”, Anthony Doerr; “The Invention of Wings”, Sue Monk Kidd, “Still Alice”, Lisa Genova and others. There is no cost and no obligation. We would love for you to join us on the first Monday of the month. Hope to see you at St. George’s!

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OLLI TIMES

OLLI MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD

The Vanderbilt Graduate Department of Religion has named James L. Crenshaw, who is teaching the Osher fall class "Hidden Books from the Biblical World," its 2015 Distinguished Alumnus. Crenshaw will be honored for his passion for biblical studies and theology as well as his teaching during an Oct. 30 celebration dinner at Vanderbilt Divinity School. "Jim Crenshaw’s work in biblical studies and theology has led several generations of students to a greater appreciation of the Hebrew Bible in three institutions and countless laity in local churches,” said Emilie M. Townes, dean of the Divinity School and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Society. Crenshaw was born in Sunset, South Carolina. He graduated magna cum laude from Furman University with a bachelor of arts. He also received a bachelor of divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary before pursuing graduate studies at Vanderbilt, where his mentors in Bible included Leander Keck, Kendrick Grobel, J. Philip Hyatt, Walter Harrelson and Lou Silberman. Crenshaw earned his doctorate in religion in 1964 and taught at Atlantic Christian College and Mercer University before returning to Vanderbilt in 1970. He taught on campus for 18 years before going to Duke University, where he became the Robert L. Flowers Distinguished Professor of Old Testament. Crenshaw and his wife, Nita, moved back to Nashville after he became an emeritus professor, but his prolific scholarship continues. Qoheleth: The Ironic Wink, which examines the mysteries of the biblical book Ecclesiastes, was published in 2013. He recently was a guest on "Issues of Faith" on News Channel 5+ to discuss "Hidden Books from the Biblical Period." The program airs several times week of Oct. 22-28 on Comcast Cable Channel 250, Charter Cable Channel 182 and NewsChannel5’s over-the-air digital channel 5.2.

THANK YOU 2015·2016 OLLI VOLUNTEERS

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Vanderbilt is truly a member run organization. We’d like to thank all of our volunteers and OLLI board members. Their efforts truly make OLLI at Vanderbilt the wonderful program that it is!

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OLLI members had a wonderful visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame for their summer term “Exploring the Nashville Soundscape” class with Robert Fry!

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