

NEW OLLI INSTRUCTORS / SPRING 2017

Shana Adams is teaching "Vocal Meditation." With more than 18 years of classical- and non-classical focused singing, Shana has passionately facilitated vocal meditation workshops encouraging healing and relaxation through the voice. She is enthusiastic about connecting with people through music to explore, create, share, inspire, and promote collective healing.

Brian Allen is teaching "Introduction to Letterpress Printing." Brian has 40 years' experience working with type and letterforms - calligraphy, typesetting, digital font production, and letterpress. He has done this work from Boston to New York to Silicon Valley to Boulder, Colorado, and now works in his local printing studio.

Brinnae Bent is teaching "Biomedical Engineering." Brinnae is a biomedical engineer pursuing a PhD. She has invented an asthma monitor, an EEG sleep device, and a mouthpiece for sleep apnea, and has worked with micelles for image-targeting brain tumors. She is currently developing neural interfaces.

Lynn Brown is teaching "I Can Get Paid for That?" Lynn is a freelance writer with a passion for culture, travel, and history. Her work has been published in *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Ebony*, and the *JSTOR Daily* blog among others. She received her MFA in fiction from San Francisco State University and is currently working on a speculative fiction novel.

Bruce Curran is teaching "The Next Plague." Bruce started his career as an Air Force pilot and later completed graduate programs in business and communications at UNC. He then joined Burroughs Wellcome and, subsequently, Glaxo Wellcome, where he was responsible for global medical communications in HIV/AIDS, malaria, and hepatitis B. He has had an avid interest in the history and science of infectious diseases since college.

William Curry is teaching "The Arts & Secrets of Conducting." Maestro Curry is the music director / conductor of the Durham Symphony Orchestra and an adjunct professor at William Peace University. From 1996 to 2016, he was the resident conductor of the NC Symphony. A Grammy nominee and established composer, he has conducted ensembles that include the Chicago Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the New York City Opera, and the Israel Chamber Orchestra.

Laura DeBar is teaching "The History of Censorship in American Film." Laura is a screenwriter, director, producer, and actress. She studied film at UCLA and worked for production companies in film finance. She is a 2016 recipient of the NC Arts Council Fellowship in screenwriting.

Frank Fee is teaching "Thinking the 'Unsinkable.'" Frank retired in June 2011 as an associate professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC - Chapel Hill, where he taught media history. He has presented his research on newspapers and newspaper history at conferences throughout the US, Great Britain and Sweden and is the author of a number of peer reviewed articles.

Ellen Flaharty is teaching "Amid the Smell of Roses." Ellen worked for 40 years, first as a social studies teacher then as a securities broker, before retiring to Hawaii in 2000. Majoring in history at Connecticut College (BA 1958) and Wesleyan University (MAT 1960), her interest in art developed as a docent at the Honolulu Museum of Art and as an interpretive guide at Shangri La.

Brandon Knettel is teaching "Global Health is Local Health." Brandon is a licensed psychologist and postdoctoral associate with the Duke Global Health Institute working on improving care for pregnant women with HIV in Tanzania and preventing fetal alcohol syndrome in South Africa. He earned his PhD in counseling psychology from Lehigh University, where he conducted research in Tanzania and Haiti aimed at building health systems and improving access to care.

Carol Krucoff is teaching "Oh My Aging Body." Carol is a yoga therapist at Duke Integrative Medicine and the co-director of Yoga for Seniors. An award-winning journalist, she was founding editor of the *Washington Post's* health section and is the author of several books, including the just-released *Relax into Yoga for Seniors*.

Rachel Mills is co-teaching "Healthcare Personalized for You" with veteran OLLI Instructor Beth Balkite. Rachel is a certified genetic counselor and an associate in research at Duke's Center for Applied Genomics and Precision Medicine. Her work focuses on personalized medicine and integration of genetics and genomics into healthcare. She has worked extensively in gene-influenced medication response.

Clyde Ray is teaching "Great Decisions of the Marshall Court." Clyde is a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Political Science at Duke University. He completed his PhD in political science at UNC - Chapel Hill, on the subject of Chief Justice John Marshall's political thought.

Dale Steinacker is teaching "Civil Discourse or Civil Discord?" Dale has an undergraduate degree in political science and mathematics and a master's in computer science and MIS. He covered Maryland politics for his college newspaper and has watched the changes in American media and politics over the last fifty years with growing concern.

Jim Steeg is teaching "Contemporary Issues in Sports." Jim spent has more than 40 years in sports, including 10 years managing the business operations of two NFL teams and 26 years heading the NFL's Special Events Department, where his primary job was running the Super Bowl. He has become a contributor in print and electronic media on current issues in sports.

Abdul Hafeez Waheed is teaching "A New Perspective on Islam." Abdul has been an active member in the community led by Imam W. Deen Mohammed for 38 years. He has served on the Religious Life staff / Chaplain representing Muslims at Duke University for 18 years. He is a sought-after speaker on Islam for schools and religious groups.

Laurel Wheeler is teaching "How to Use Economics to Explain Life." Laurel a PhD candidate in economics at Duke University. Her research lies at the intersection of labor and development economics, with a view toward combating poverty and inequality in the US and abroad. She holds a BA in political science and an MSc in economics for development, and she has taught a range of topics across four continents.

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