JAN ARMOR is an award-winning educator and fine art photographer with forty years of experience in both digital and traditional media. He has received grants and awards for environmental photography and has taught at the Newport Art Museum, the Bristol Art Museum, Wickford Art Association, South County Art Association, and others. Jan has been a mainstay of the OLLI at URI since summer 2010. To see his work and a more descriptive biography, go to armorphoto.com.

SUSAN AYLWARD spent thirty-five years on the staff of the North Kingstown Free Library beginning as a student page and ending as library director. She earned a B.A. and a Ph.D. in English and an M.L.S., all from the URI. Susan has taught multiple literature-based courses for the OLLI at URI since its inception. Drawing once again on her thirteen-year pen-pal relationship with Gellhorn, in this course Susan will revisit and expand upon Gellhorn’s and Hemingway’s dynamic partnership.

TIMOTHY PHILIP SCHWARTZ-BARCOTT (aka Tim Barcott) has an M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has taught courses in sociology, social psychology, criminology, and organizational behavior at Brown University, the University of Connecticut, and Providence College. He is the author of many research articles and five published books, including *Violence, Terror, Genocide, and War in the Holy Books and in the Decades Ahead* (Teneo Press, 2018).

STEPHEN BERARDO has a master’s degree in public administration and is a student of history and political systems. He is a planning consultant and has been an adjunct and full-time college faculty member teaching courses in business administration and aviation. He has also worked for many years with local, state, and federal government agencies on a variety of land use and infrastructure development issues.

ELIZABETH BOGUTT, a lifelong writer and a graduate of URI, earned a master’s degree in counseling from UMass, Boston. After moving to South County, she joined the writing group at the Neighborhood Guild. Over the years, Elizabeth has attended several week-long poetry workshops at The Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill. Her poetry has been chosen for the Poets Speaking Up event at the Contemporary Theater and the Poetry and Art Exhibition at the Wickford Art Association.

MONIQUE BOSCH has built over forty school gardens, a town farm and a two-acre urban farm in Bridgeport, CT. She helped Compass School in Kingston develop a model school farm and worked with Southside Community Land Trust to develop youth programming. She has also piloted various food distribution, youth employment, soil remediation, and other strategies, always with an eye to getting healthy organic food efficiently to those who need it most.

ANDREW S. BREM is emeritus professor of pediatrics (nephrology) at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University and was a full-time physician on the medical staff of the Rhode Island Hospital for thirty years. In addition to providing direct patient care, he taught medical students, residents and fellows, and ran a basic science research laboratory. During his career, he also served on a number of boards and committees that focused on health care at the national level.

JIM BUXTON taught global studies and international relations at South Kingstown H. S. for thirty-two years. During that stretch, he earned numerous teaching awards, including the RI HS Social Studies teacher of the year in 1997, and the RI HS Girls Soccer Coach of the Year in 1988. Since his retirement in 2009, he has taught international politics courses in the URI Political Science Department. From 2009 until 2016, he also taught in the Salve Regina Education Department, and supervised high school social studies student teachers. He has taught numerous global politics courses with OLLI since 2010.

DENNA CHENETTE holds a Ph.D. and an NCCDP dementia practitioner certification. She has worked with individuals with disabilities and their families in a variety of settings. She has presented at national conferences, facilitated support groups, designed caregiver education and wellness programs, created a stroke education program for grandchildren, and held several adjunct faculty and guest lecturer positions.

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TOM CONROY earned a Ph.D. in communication from University of Massachusetts, Amherst and taught at Castleton State College in Vermont for twenty-two years as a tenured professor. During that period, he served two terms as department chair and was awarded early promotion to full professor and a Vermont State College Fellowship in recognition of research and teaching excellence. In 2011, he received a Distinguished Alumni award from Rhode Island College.

DOROTHY M. CUNNINGHAM holds a B.A. in English from URI and has taught both public and private school for over thirty-five years. The Iditarod has been a favorite topic among her students and their parents throughout this time. Dorothy has coached skating, figure and hockey, for over forty years. Her Franklin Blades Skating School produced skaters for professional ice shows, various learn-to-skate programs, and coaches who work with all levels from beginners to Olympic skaters.

JENNIFER DEL SIGNORE has been playing ukulele for two years, her first class being at OLLI in spring 2017. She previously played classical guitar for about three years. She is currently enrolled in Level 1 of the James Hill Ukulele Initiative Teacher Certification Program. Jennifer also plays gigs regularly with the ukulele band The Unlikely Strummers based out of Plainville, MA. Her love for the instrument has motivated her to share the joy she has received from playing the ukulele with and for others.

TED di STEFANO has spoken Italian all his life. This is his fifth year teaching Italian at OLLI. He has a bachelor’s degree from Providence College, an M.B.A. from Boston University and a C.P.A. from the RI Board of Accountancy. He is also a published author of many business and economics articles.

CRANDALL DIMOCK holds B.S. and M.S. degrees and a teaching certificate from URI. He has served as an armor small unit commander in the U.S. Army; a member of an organic marine geochemistry team working on oil spill response for the EPA, and a high school physics and chemistry teacher. He spent twenty-five years teaching physics at South Kingstown High School. For the OLLI at URI, he has presented Physics for Everyday several times.

TERRY DUFFY, after childhood art classes, took to wandering the halls of the RISD museum, which had a profound, lifelong impact on him. Visiting museums and appreciating art became his hobby and the experience impelled him to learn more. After attending Providence College and Rhode Island College, he enjoyed a successful career in sales and marketing. His many visits to America’s great museums fed his insatiable interest in the visual arts. For the OLLI at URI, Terry gave Two Great Decades in Art History.

CAROL DUNN is an award-winning printmaker, photographer, and mixed media artist specializing in alternative processes for creating artwork. She exhibits frequently in the New England area and on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. She is an elected artist with the Norwich Arts Center, Mystic Museum of Art, Essex Art Association, CT Women Artists, CT Academy of Fine Arts, and the Lyme Art Association. She became a certified Zentangle teacher in 2010. She teaches in several venues, including Printmaking at Quinebaug Valley Community College, CT, and at the South County Art Association.

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CAROL FORTIER received her B.A. from Newton College of the Sacred Heart and her M.Ed. from St. Joseph Teacher’s College in Quebec. She taught elementary school in Canada, New York, and Connecticut. Recently, Carol has enjoyed being a member of the Town & County Club in Hartford. For the OLLI at URI, Carol most recently presented Afternoons at the Town & County Club in Hartford. For the OLLI at URI, Carol most recently presented Afternoons with Agatha. When she is not busy sharing her love of literature and film, Carol and her husband enjoy travel and spending time with their Scottish terrier.

JUDITH GAMBLE has a Ph.D. in history and specializes in the social and cultural history of underrepresented people. She has taught courses on U.S. social and cultural history, Latin American civilization, and Native American history at URI and other colleges. Lately her passion has shifted from scholarly to creative writing, especially poetry.

MARK KENNETH GARDNER, a historian of colonial and early national America, holds an M.A. in history from Rhode Island College and a B.S. in education in history and social science from URI. A consultant in historical research, preservation, and public history, he teaches history at Chariho Regional High School, has served on the Board of Directors of the South County History Center and is the archivist of the Western Rhode Island Civic Historical Society.

JEAN POIRIER GREEN holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in secondary education and Spanish from URI. She has been an educator for more than forty years. She has studied in Guadalajara, Mexico,
and Madrid, Spain, and has traveled to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Peru, and throughout Europe. This is her fourth semester teaching for OLLI.

**PAULA GUIDA** holds a degree in secondary education/social studies and a master’s in school counseling from URI. She taught history at North Kingstown High School. For the OLLI at URI, she has taught many history and current events courses, most recently The Family Business, Slave Trading.

**MARILYN HARRIS**, a many-times transplanted Midwesterner, earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois and master’s at Kutztown University (Pennsylvania). Her work in education (in federal project management, curriculum writing and teaching) covers a span of more than forty years. Since 2011 she has taught more than twenty classes (usually science, travel or history related) for the OLLI at URI. Most recently these include The Story in Our Bones, Sào Miguel – Vibrant Garden of the Azores, and co-teaching Stories from Smith’s Castle.

**BOB HAYNES** received his B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Maryland. A lifelong photographer, Bob has done product photography, portraiture, and web development professionally. For the past fifteen years, Bob and his wife Joanne have produced promotional videos for churches, artists, art galleries, and businesses. He has taught both play acting and filmmaking previously for OLLI members and is currently creating short movies within the URI film/media department.

**KEN JOHNSON** is an internationally known retired chemical oceanographer and a first-generation Swedish-American. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees (University of Rhode Island and the University of Minnesota, respectively), and an honorary Ph.D. from the University of Gothenburg. He has given many talks on Swedish history and for the OLLI at URI he gave The Riddle of Olof Palme’s Assassination.

**LLOYD KAPLAN** holds a B.S. in music education from URI and a master’s degree in music from Brown University. His latest honor was his induction into the RI Music Hall of Fame in April 2018, the first music educator to be so honored. He taught for thirty years at CCRI and is a member of its Hall of Fame. In winter, Lloyd teaches for the OLLI at Coastal Carolina University in SC. He’s become an institution at the OLLI at URI, having taught more than twenty-five courses since 2010.

**KRSTYNA W. KASMAN** holds an M.Sc. degree from Warsaw University and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Polish Academy of Science. Following her postdoctoral research and work as a researcher at SUNY, Stony Brook, she worked as a senior scientist at Estée Lauder Company. For the OLLI at URI, she has taught Polish for Beginners.

**SUSAN S. KIRSCHENBAUM** was an engineering psychologist and human systems integration lead at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport. She received her Ph.D. in experimental psychology from the University of Rhode Island. She has continuing interests and expertise in the effects of uncertainty and other information variables on decision making. She is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association.

**MAURY KLEIN** taught U.S. history at URI for forty-four years. He is the author of eighteen books on U.S. history and winner of several awards, most recently a New York/New England Emmy. Inducted into the RI Heritage Hall of Fame in 2011, he has given many history courses for OLLI. In 2014 he began the Books into Film series and in 2017 the Meet the Composer series.

**KENNETH KNOTT** studied Plato, Thucydides, Aristotle, and other classical writers at St. John’s College Executive Seminars in Annapolis, Maryland, where his reading focused on leadership, politics, and philosophy. Ken has lectured for the New York State Bar Association and Connecticut libraries, and has written extensively for various law journals. For the OLLI at URI, Ken has taught several courses including Courage and Compassion, Civility, The Examined Life, and Selections from 19th Century Literature.

**JULIA LANDSTREET** is executive director of the South Kingstown Land Trust. A lifelong conservationist and naturalist with a strong background in nonprofit administration and public service, Julia has roots in the Westerly area, where she and her family relocated from Nashville, TN, where she worked for the Nashville Civic Design Center. She also served on the board of directors for Friends of Warner Parks, now a 3100-acre urban park.

**FRANK LEVIN**, Ph.D., did research and taught undergraduate and graduate courses in the Brown University physics department for many years, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1998. He began teaching science courses in lifelong learning institutes in 2002 and at the OLLI at URI in 2014. Like this semester’s course, all have been intended for persons with neither a science nor a math background.

**MAUREEN LOGAN**, a retired Westerly High School English teacher, received a B.A. in English at
the University of Dayton and an M.A. in English at URI. For the OLLI at URI, she has facilitated collaborative learning courses on Alice Munro, TED Talks, Writers about Climate Change, and Global Short Stories (with Carol Gjelsvik). She has led The Arts and the Environment program at the Westerly Land Trust. She also leads book discussions at the Savoy Bookstore in Westerly and co-leads the International Book discussion group at OLLI.

DEANNA LOMME grew up in Ogallala, Nebraska, near North Platte, a stop in the orphan train network. She attended school with some of the children with a parent or relative who arrived in town on those trains. Her research, and her collection of personal correspondence and clippings, provide real life stories as opposed to current popular fiction. A graduate of Central Business College in Denver, she taught travel at Parks Junior College in Denver and also on ships to travel agents. She was a travel agent for thirty-five years and is now the OLLI travel coordinator.

LOUIS MAINELLI has taught opera courses on Bel Canto, Poulenc, Tchaikovsky and Wagner at various lifelong learning programs: the OLLIs at URI and UMass, Boston, Salve Regina’s Circle of Scholars, and King House Circle of Scholars, both in Newport. A former high school mathematics department chair in Darien, CT, he has also taught at the MET School in Newport.

ROGER MARSHALL, yacht and boat designer, has been writing magazine articles and books since the 1970s, having published seventeen books with an eighteenth, How to Build Your Tiny Home, in process. His works with major publishers in America and Britain have been translated into Italian, Spanish and Croatian. Marshall has won several writing awards including five first-place awards in the annual Boating Writers International competition. His How to Build Your Own Greenhouse book has sold about 50,000 copies.

KARA MARZIALI holds a B.F.A. in theater arts and teaches theater, dramatic literature, and art. Kara is at her best when she’s engaged in creative endeavors including performing, writing, painting, singing, dancing, playing, and sharing joy with others. For the OLLI at URI, she has taught several courses based on literary and artistic works, most recently The Tragedy of Othello, the Moor of Venice.

BOB MATTIS holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Manhattan College and an M.A.T. from Rhode Island College. He has worked in education for over forty-five years, twenty-five as a special education administrator. His love of family and friends, together with his sense of fun and frivolity, has helped him gather an array of magic tricks and whimsical odds and ends that he will share with those who want to realize the wonder of being young at heart. He offered Magic and Whimsical Fun at the OLLI at URI in spring 2017 and again in spring 2018.

BILL McENEaney taught environmental biology for over forty years at South Kingstown High School. His lifelong passion for jazz and its history resulted in his teaching enrichment classes in jazz appreciation and the history of jazz at the high school. He has spent a lifetime introducing the art of jazz musicians to people of all ages. For the OLLI at URI, he has presented several courses about jazz artists and their stories.

BRETT MORSE, a graduate of Bryant College, served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era, then worked in the pharmaceutical industry for over forty years. He has offered several courses at the OLLI at URI, sharing insights into the music and history he so enjoys. Most recently he explored American Folk Music with Bob Dylan and Friends and The Legends of Rock & Roll in film.

LINDA M. MORSE, a URI graduate, has been a yoga and meditation practitioner most of her life, teaching for twenty years. Certified professionally through the Kripalu Center in Massachusetts, she owned and operated the Yoga Center in Melbourne, Florida. With her relaxed and humorous approach, she hopes to inspire students in body, mind, and spirit. For the OLLI at URI Linda has taught Yoga, Chair Yoga, Breath Techniques, Taking the Inward Journey, Meditation, the Chakra Energy System, and a number of science fiction film programs.

BARBARA NICHOLSON holds a B.A. in psychology from Brown and an M.Ed. from Harvard. She taught for thirty years, retired to RI, and has led adult lifelong collaborative learning courses since 2001 at Brown, at Salve Regina, and then, for the past nine years, at the OLLI at URI, where topics include Scoping the Skies: Astronomy for Us All, Small Things Considered, and, co-leading with Barbara Findley, The Future is Here, Thinking Big in Scientific Inquiry at URI: How Does Nature Do It? (biomimicry), Ornithology, The Future of Cities, Human Migration, and The Polar Regions.

CATHY PAGANO, M.A., is a Jungian counseling psychologist, self-awareness coach and author of Wisdom’s Daughters: How Women Can Change the
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LOUISE PAQUIN is a retired professor of biology. With a Ph.D. from Georgetown University, she is a board-certified cytogeneticist (chromosomal). She spent thirty-one years as a professor at McDaniel College in Maryland, teaching biology, genetics, advanced genetics courses, and bioethics. Having returned to her native Rhode Island, she has offered several OLLI courses, the most recent in spring 2017 with Mark Berman, The Biology You Really Need to Know.

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BEN RIGGS is a retired naval aviator and business executive who has served as chief executive of several manufacturing companies. His knowledge and interest in near death experiences evolved from the experiences of friends and family and subsequent participation with the International Association for Near Death Studies (IANDS), which has included numerous national conferences, workshops, extensive study, and close collaboration with leading experts in the field. He is currently president of the Newport Circle of Scholars where he teaches several courses and operates the Rhode Island chapter of IANDS.

CHERIE SAMANTHA ROWE taught English literature and drama in England for twelve years before becoming principal at an independent college in Birmingham, UK. She came to the United States as vice president of a global education company, supporting the setup of international pathway partnerships with six universities across the United States before starting her M.B.A. at URI and her work as a graduate assistant at URI’s International Center. Cherie has been acting since the age of eight and has received several London Academy Music Dramatic awards. Having directed and performed in over twenty productions in England, she made her debut on the American stage in summer 2018 and was last seen as Mrs. Muller in Doubt: A Parable in October 2018.

JANE ELLEN SCOTT holds a B.A. in English from Chatham University and an M.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. She has taken further graduate level courses at Salve Regina University, Roger Williams University, and UC Irvine. She taught a variety of English courses at Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA, before relocating to RI. Since 2008, she has taught writing, literature, and philosophy courses at Roger Williams University.

JENNIFER SHAKER has a bachelor’s degree in fine arts and a master’s degree in library and information studies from URI. Certified as a guided autobiography instructor by the Birren Center for Autobiographical Studies at the University of Southern California, she is a member of the Personal Historians Northeast and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has helped many clients self-publish memoirs through her company Memory Lane Lifestories. For the OLLI at URI, she offered the Guided Autobiography course in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

KAREN F. STEIN is professor emerita of English and of gender and women’s studies at URI. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. from Brooklyn College (CUNY). She received an M.A. from the Pennsylvania State University, an M.L.I.S. from URI, and Ph.D. from UConn. A member of Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Phi Mu honor societies, she was selected Woman of the Year by both the URI Association of Professional and Academic Women and the Rhode Island Commission on Women. She co-founded the Women’s Studies Program (now Gender and Women’s Studies Program) at URI. A specialist in modern North American women writers, she has written books and articles on Margaret Atwood, Toni Morrison, Rachel Carson, and Adrienne Rich, and essays on other authors, some of which she has shared at OLLI.

PAUL STEIN studied film production for two years at the NYU Graduate School of Film. He taught video production and media literacy at various community access television stations in Massachusetts. For the OLLI at URI he has taught several film courses.

PETER STETSON taught environmental science, earth science, and biology for thirty-five-years at Coventry High School. He has used geospatial technology (geographic information systems [GIS], global positioning system [GPS], and remote sensing) in his classroom since 2003. Peter has been a participant
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LYNDA TISDELL is a former North Kingstown High School English teacher who has loved movies ever since she saw Peter Pan at the age of six. Passionate about movies, she has studied them, endlessly discussed them, and dreamed about them. She has previously taught many other Great Movies courses, most recently Rogues and the Women Who Love Them.

JET VERTZ holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering, an M.S. in computer science and an M.B.A. After receiving a commission from the United States Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, he served as a U.S. Navy officer during the Vietnam War era. Following this, he worked for forty years in the aviation business and retired from Pratt & Whitney as vice president. Jet has been an OLLI instructor since 2013. Due to popular demand, he is bringing back the Computer Fundamentals course and expanded it from three sessions to four.

NICHOLAS VINELETTE is a passionate lifelong learner of all topics about food, especially as it pertains to historical and anthropological contexts, sociological significance, the art of preparation, and the politics behind its distribution, marketing, and arrival at our tables. He holds an M.L.A. in gastronomy from Boston University and a B.A. in communications and public relations from RIC. He currently serves as a caseworker for Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, assisting constituents and their families with immigration and State Department matters and offering outreach to community and industry stakeholders on issues pertaining to our state’s food economy and environment. He also holds a seat on U.S. Congressman James Langevin’s Food First Advisory Committee and does occasional freelance writing.

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