

Hello OLLI members!

We are wrapping up our first two weeks of online classes and together we are learning so much; class content, the use of WebEx and technology, and the joy of seeing familiar faces.



A HUGE thank you to our instructors who so graciously jumped in to gather the skills necessary to teach online. A first for many of them!

We will continue to offer “Coffee Chats” each week providing you with an orientation of navigating WebEx. We encourage you to take advantage of these sessions prior to your first class.

Your feedback is important so I invite you to email me at bleconte@uri.edu to share your class experience. As we look forward to our fall semester this information will be helpful.

Our fall lineup up will have 30+ classes to pique your interest. The plan is to begin this semester on September 14. In late August you will be able to view the class listing online. We anticipate that registration will take place on or just before September 1st.

As always, we would like to learn the range of topics that would be of interest to you. This helps us plan for each semester. AND, if you have a personal lead or connection of a speaker or instructor don't hesitate to pass that name along to us. Because we are continuing with online classes we can seek instructors from around the world, so THINK BIG!

We will continue to do our very best to answer our phones between the hours of 9:00am – 2:30pm Monday – Friday. Although working remotely we aim to get back with you within 24 hours. Within the next few weeks our OLLI member desk volunteers will be in the office to field the calls and assist you with your needs.

Take good care,

Beth Leconte, Director, OLLI at URI

CLASS REMINDER

Remember to check your email for a link to the class. If the class meets for more than one session, you will use the same link for each session.

Monday

- Russia- 9:30am
- Roger Williams 1:30pm

Tuesday

- Democracy-9:30
- Ecology -11:30
- Writing Wonderful Dialogue 6pm

Wednesday

- Poetry 1:30pm

Thursday

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Friday

- Chair Yoga 10am

VOTING

Reminder: Rhode Island's Statewide Primary is Tuesday, September 8. The mail ballot application deadline has been extended to August 18. Click here to print a copy of the application: [MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION](#)

Learn something new

Join the University of South Dakota OLLI in a Zoom meeting. **Visit South Dakota: Custer State Park History**

September 3, at 10 a.m. CST on Zoom

Custer State Park is South Dakota largest and oldest state park. Last year its celebrated its first centennial. From homesteaders, to loggers, to visitors the park has seen many faces within its borders. Join us as we take a step back in time and learn about how the park became world known.

Lydia Austin is the Interpretive Programs Manager at Custer State Park in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Lydia has worked in the Interpretive field since 2005 where she first started as a seasonal at Custer State Park. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://usd.zoom.us/j/95123357952>

OLLI VIRTUAL CAFÉ



If you haven't had a chance to practice with Webex before your online class, here's your chance. Get ready for online learning by joining us on one of the following dates:

- Wednesday, 8/19 12pm
- Thursday, 8/20 at 2pm

The goal of this meeting is to give you an opportunity to join our virtual classroom setting, socialize and check in with each other!

Click here to join:

https://rhody.webex.com/meet/olli_bleconteuri.edu

If you're new to Webex, you might want to check out our online learning resources:

<https://web.uri.edu/olli/online-learning-resources/>

If you have any questions or issues or need one-on-one assistance, please call the OLLI office and leave a message at 874-4197 or email olli@etal.uri.edu.

SAVE THE DATE

Plans are underway for OLLI's virtual annual meeting. Save the date, Thursday, October 22, at 1pm.