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COURSE Spotlight

Writing

Looking for a writing class? We have a few classes this month that might interest you!

Creating a Local Mystery Series

Monday, January 25, from 4-5:30pm
Instructor: Claremary Sweeney

Click Here To Register

What makes a book series interesting enough to make a reader become a fan? Is it endearing characters? Familiar settings? Thought-provoking themes? Well-planned plots? These are some of the questions Claremary Sweeney, author of The South County Mystery Series, will answer along with specifics about how she makes sure each installment of her own series won't be DOA.

Writing a Legacy Letter

Monday, January 25, 9:30-11:00am
Instructor: Jay Sherwin



A legacy letter (also called an ethical will) is a document that people create to share their life lessons, express their values, and transmit their blessings to family and friends. A legacy letter is not a legal document or memoir and, typically, is only a few pages long; writing one is a rewarding experience that results in an enduring gift. This workshop will introduce the concept of legacy letters. It includes discussion and brief writing exercises to encourage participants to examine their life histories, capture important insights, and begin crafting their own legacy documents. [\(click here for a word from instructor Jay Sherwin\)](#)

Short Story Writing

Fridays, February 5-February 26 (4 sessions) 9:30-11:00am



Do you have a story to tell? Now's the time to move your idea from inspiration to page. This workshop will explore the craft of fiction through writing exercises. Each session focuses on an element of craft, such as character development, setting, dialogue, or conflict. In a supportive environment, participants will write from in-class prompts and share their work, receiving valuable feedback from fellow writers. Writers at all levels will strengthen their writing and their connection to creativity. [\(Click here for a word from instructor Tina Egnoski\)](#)

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DID YOU KNOW that OLLI has a WRITING and a POETRY group?



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The **Writing Group** meets on the first Friday, of each month at 1pm. Come share your writings, listen and learn from others, and most importantly have a good time.

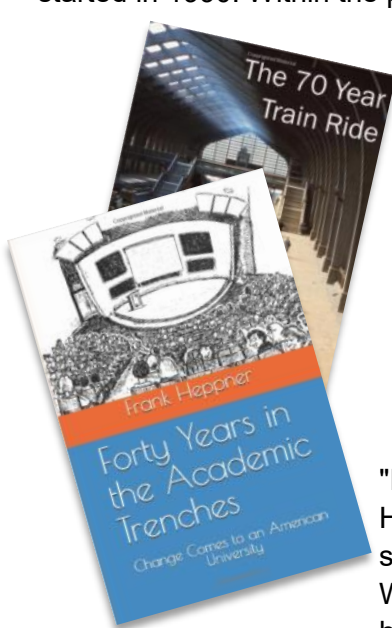
Email Susan Berman (susanb99@yahoo.com) for more information. Join the meeting by [clicking here](#). The next meeting is **Friday, February 5, at 1pm**

The **BROWN BAG POETRY GROUP** is a brand new group that will meet via Zoom the last Tuesday of each month from 11:30-1:00 for a lunchtime informal reading and discussion of new original poems. **NO PREVIOUS POETRY WRITING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Those planning to participate in a given month should email their poems (WordDoc or PDF) by 6:00pm the Sunday night before to Coordinator Judy Gamble (jgamble139@gmail.com) who will send copies to all participants. Links to the zoom meeting will be sent out the day of the meeting. First meeting is **Tuesday, January 26, from 11:30-1:00pm**.

AUTHOR'S CORNER



Since his retirement from URI in 2015, in addition to presenting and attending OLLI courses, Frank Heppner has kept busy by writing books, continuing a tradition that started in 1990. Within the past two years, he finished two books.



The first (published in 2019) was "The Seventy Year Train Ride; 500,000 Miles by Rail" (Ornis Press, available on Amazon). Frank has ridden trains in 24 countries, taking pictures in most. He started riding trains before he was born, and had traveled widely in the West by himself before he turned 17.

The second (published in 2020) is called "Forty Years in the Academic Trenches; How Change Came to an American University" (Ornis Press, available on Amazon). When Frank retired from URI in 2010, he had to clean out his old office, and found he

had 16 file drawers packed with old university documents and correspondence. In preparation for donating much of it to the URI archive, he rearranged the documents from alphabetical to chronological order. When he did "stories" began to jump out that explained what would be inexplicable to someone who hadn't been here for a long time. ☺



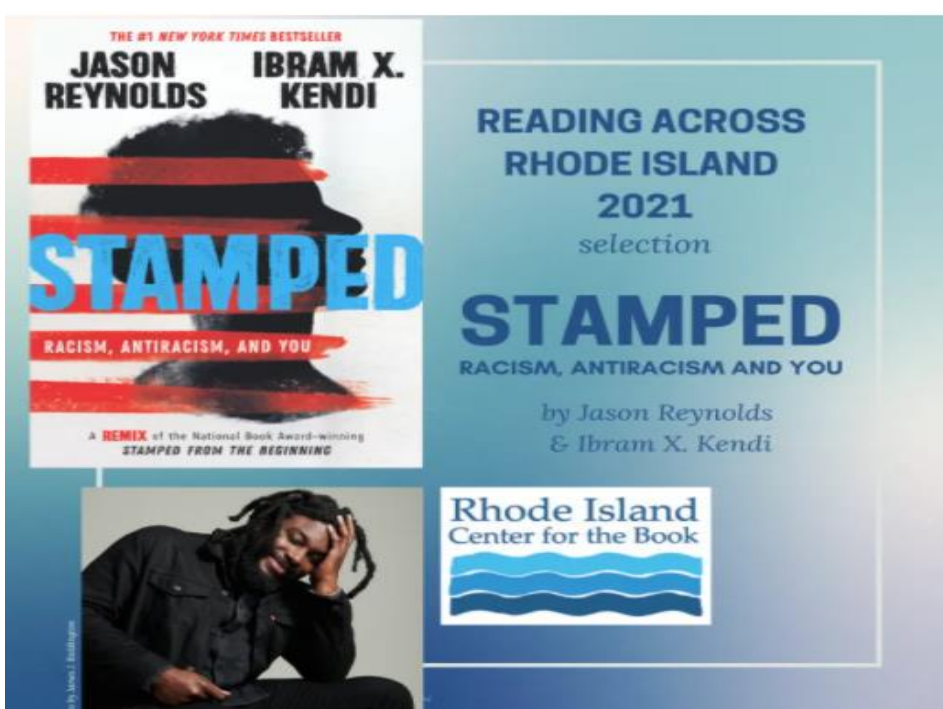
2021 Rhode Island Food System Summit Program

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. EST

This year the University of Rhode Island will host the fifth annual Rhode Island Food System Summit—"Taking the Lead: Improving Food Access in a Global Pandemic"—virtually. Join government, academic, business, and community partners for a discussion on how the pandemic has impacted our state and nation's food security and what is being done to address these issues, particularly in Rhode Island.

The event will feature speakers from across the regional food and health ecosystem and a wide range of topics will be covered, including successes and lessons learned during the pandemic, as well as how we can take what we've learned and help support those in need around the world. [Click here for more information and to register.](https://web.uri.edu/food-center/foodsummit21/)

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Reading Across Rhode Island kicks off virtually on January 26, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm with the Pell Center at Salve Regina University

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stamped-racism-antiracism-and-you-tickets-131915120677>

Readers are invited to join Providence Mayor **Jorge Elorza**, Reading Across Rhode Island Honorary Chair **Val Tutson** and Reading Across Rhode Island Education Chair **Maureen Nagle** for an engaging introduction to the book moderated by **Jim Ludes**, Executive Director, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy at Salve Regina University.



COVID VACCINE: HISTORY, ETHICS, EPIDEMIOLOGY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 6PM VIA ZOOM

[Click here](#) to read more or [REGISTER](#) for this event.



OLLII Office Hours:
The office will be closed on Monday for **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY**.
Mon - Thurs: 9am - 3pm
Fridays: 9am-12noon

WELCOME TO SPRING SEMESTER

Here's what's happening next week! There's still time to register for these classes! Log on to your OLLI account: uriolli.augusoft.net/

Tuesday:

- 1pm Walled Gardens 1-230pm
- 4pm Russia-USSR up until 1953

Wednesday:

- 9:30am US Constitution: Keep it, amend it, replace it
- 1:00 pm Winter FARMacy
- 3:30 pm Meditation **CANCELED**

Thursday:

- 9:30 am Better Pictures with your iPhone
- 1:00pm The New 7 Wonders of the World-The Great Wall of China, and the Christ the Redeemer Statue in Rio de Janeiro
- 4:00 pm The Evolution of the Martini

Friday

- 11:30am-12:30 pm Great Decisions
Topic: Global Supply Chains

Note: Watch the video for the first class discussion by [clicking here](#).



Need to learn the basics of Webex? Join us for a Coffee Chat! We'll talk about muting and unmuting, turning video on and off and options for viewing presentations and lectures. We'll also talk about some basic etiquette of online learning and catch up with each other! Get your coffee and join us for some chatting and learning about Webex.

- Tuesday Jan 19, at 11am
- Friday Jan 22, at 9am

Click below to join the meeting.
<https://rhody.webex.com/join/ollibleconteuri>



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Technology is ubiquitous and changes occur at a constant rate, especially in security and privacy. The OLLI Technology Committee offers this reoccurring column for our members to help keep you informed and offer some food for thought.

The Language of Cybersecurity Submitted by [Bill Meisner](#), Technology Committee Member
Cybersecurity is a hot topic these days! Sometimes it seems that people are speaking a foreign language when describing cybersecurity incidents. Malware, bots, ransomware, etc are common terms being thrown around but what do they mean and should it affect your cyber behavior in any way? Check out this [National Cybersecurity Alliance PDF](#) that does a good job of describing terms like ransomware and why you should care. And if you're interested in learning more, check out the tip sheets [HERE](#).

PHOTO FRIDAY GROUP



The next meeting will be February 5, from 10 to 11:30am and the theme is **DIAGONALS**.

If you would like to participate, [Click here](#) to add your photos to our group. The link to the zoom meeting is: <https://uri.edu.zoom.us/j/96686541298>

You can submit your photos (limit to 3 current photos please) anytime during the month. If you have any questions, please email olli@etal.uri.edu or call 874-4197.

Check out the video of the Photo Group theme of HANDS.

Register for GREAT DECISIONS 2021

There is no charge to attend, but each session is limited to 50 registrants. The list of the preliminary topics for the upcoming 2021 edition of Great Decisions have been announced. The eight topics will each have a corresponding episode of GDTV that will broadcast on PBS and be available on DVD or streaming. You can view the first video by [clicking here](#).



Great Decision Dates/Topics

- January 22, Global supply chains and national security
- February 26, Persian Gulf Security
- March 26, Brexit and the European Union
- April 23, The fight over the melting Arctic
- May 28, China and Africa