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COURSE Spotlight

Starting January 19

WALLED GARDENS: Books for the Children of Empire Builders

Join instructor Gale Eaton in this course that looks at several classics (*The Princess and the Goblin*, *The Wind in the Willows*, *The Little Princess*, and *The Chronicles of Narnia*), considering their roots, their assumptions, and their imaginative power. [Listen to a few words from the instructor by clicking here.](#)

Starting January 20 MEDITATION

Have you wondered what Meditation is really all about? Have you had concerns about what it is or is not? Come to this very relaxed program taught by instructor Linda Morse, and learn about the health and wellness benefits that can be gained from this age old practice of Meditation. [Hear from the instructor by clicking here.](#)

To read the full course description for each of these classes, [log on to your account](#) or [view the spring catalog](#).

NEW BROWN BAG POETRY GROUP!

It's a new (uncertain) year. Let's come together to record/remember/rejoice our yesterdays and tomorrows with poetry. Join us on Zoom the last Tuesday of each month from 11:30-1:00 for a lunchtime informal reading and discussion of new original poems we write. Prompts (two each month) will come straight from the lines of a rich variety of well-known poets, both past and contemporary. Our inaugural meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 26, and the initial prompts to open up your creative veins are Pete Seeger, "Where have all the flowers gone?" and Emily Dickinson, "Tell all the truth, but tell it slant."

Subsequent monthly prompts will be chosen at the end of each zoom session and included in the OLLI newsletter to entice others to join in. 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 so everyone has a chance to read the poems before the meeting. Links to the zoom meeting will be sent out Tuesday morning.

NO PREVIOUS POETRY WRITING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

This SIG is all about opening up new ways to communicate with the world. Join us on Tuesday, January 26, from 11:30-1:00pm.



CONNECTIONS & Conversations

Join us for an open discussion with other OLLI members and friends with whom you have something in common. This is a wonderful time to stay connected, see OLLI friends you haven't seen in a while, share memories, interests, and thoughts on the changes through the years. There is no need to pre-register. Simply click on the link and join the meeting. Let's begin the New Year in the company of friends!

I look forward to seeing many of you.

Happy New Year!

Beth Leconte, Director, OLLI at URI

The MEN in OLLI (calling all male members) Monday, January 11 @ 1pm

Hosted by OLLI member, Phil Kuehne

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

Come listen, learn, share and have a few laughs with the men of OLLI. Let's talk about meaningful things impacting our lives and explore topics of interest. And give us some ideas for future classes and programs at OLLI. Since we cannot gather in person at OLLI and converse, let's do so online!

AUTHORS (calling all OLLI authors) Wednesday, January 13, @ 1pm

Hosted by OLLI member, Gale Eaton

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

A chance to talk about your writing life. Do you do best with routines and outlines? Do you set yourself a word quota each day, or keep regular hours in case the muse visits? Do you work on one project at a time or go back and forth? How did the events of 2020 change your writing experience? We invite you to a social discussion of a solitary pursuit."

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, Thursday, January 14 @ 11:00am

Hosted by OLLI member, Frank Hopkins

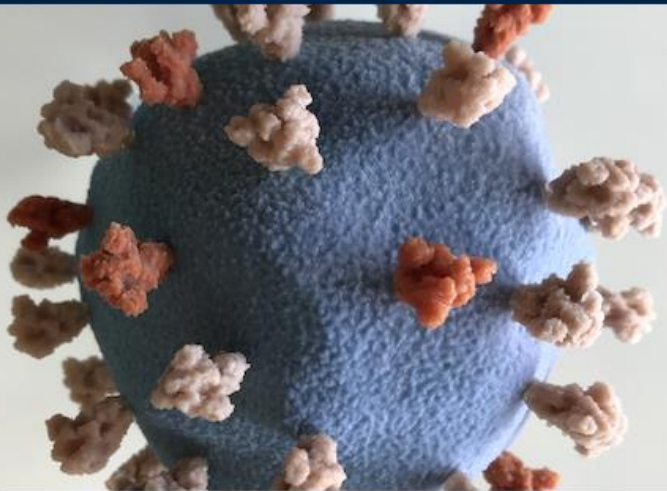
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Have you or are you currently in a Health Care Profession? Are you still passionate about Health Care? What worked well for you, where are your frustrations, and where are there opportunities for improvement? This past year has certainly offered an insight into the complex system called Healthcare, from a local level, through the states, to national & international approaches. Join us for a roundtable discussion and share your life experiences to help form worthwhile opinions on complex matters.

Join us for great company and conversations!

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

ACADEMIC HEALTH COLLABORATIVE



COVID Vaccine: History, Ethics, Epidemiology

January 20, 2021, 6 p.m. via Zoom

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE SCIENCES

5 WAYS to Stay **Virtually** Involved

Cooperative Extension

The URI Cooperative Extension Has Resources for You This Winter. [Click here for all the details.](#) Explore their virtual events and science-based resources that will help you navigate your way through 2021—all from the comfort of your own home!

OLLI Office Hours:

Mon –Thurs: 9am – 3pm

Fridays: 9am-12noon

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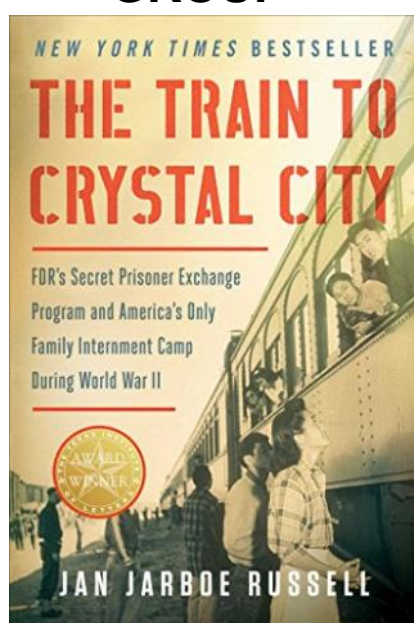
You've registered for your spring OLLI class. Now what? Join us and learn the basics of using Webex. In this Coffee Chat, we'll talk about Muting and unmuting, turning video on and off and options for viewing presentations and lectures. We'll also talk about some basic etiquette of online learning. Get your coffee and join us for some chatting and learning about Webex.

- Monday, Jan 11 at 11am
- Friday, Jan 15, at 9am

Click below to join the meeting.

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BOOK GROUP



The January book is :

The Train to Crystal City: FDR's Secret Prisoner Exchange Program During WWII

By Jan Jarboe Russell

We will meet via Webex on Friday, January 15, at 1pm

Advance registration is **not** required.

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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.



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Friday, February 5, at 1pm

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: https://rhody.webex.com/meet/beth_desrosiers



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 with [Vimeo](#).