The Bernard Osher Foundation

Barbro Osher, Chairman of the Board

Barbro Osher is Honorary Consul General of Sweden in California. For many years, she also was owner and publisher of Vestkusten, one of the few Swedish-American newspapers in the United States, established in 1886 as a source of news from Sweden on politics, business, and sports as well as information on the active Swedish-American community in the West.

A native of Stockholm and a graduate of Stockholm University with a degree in languages and political science, Osher pursued a career in publishing and advertising in Sweden before moving to the United States in the early 1980s. Her first visit to America in 1962 was to Maine where she participated as a student in the Experiment in International Living program. Over the years, she has represented both the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences and the Swedish Tourist Board.

Barbro Osher is the founder of the Swedish Women’s Educational Association (SWEA) chapter in San Francisco and was president of Positive Sweden/North America, an organization furthering the image of Sweden through educational activities in the United States. She serves on the boards of the University of California (Berkeley) Foundation, the American-Scandinavian Foundation, and the Nobel Museum in Stockholm.

Among numerous recognitions, including several American honorary degrees, Osher received the Eliason Award from the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Los Angeles in 1999. She was a recipient of His Majesty the King’s Medal in 2002. In 2004 Barbro Osher was named SWEA International’s Woman of the Year, and in October, 2006, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from Göteborg University, Sweden and in 2010 from the Karolinska Institute. Also in 2010, she was recognized by the American-Scandinavian Foundation with its Award for Distinguished Public Service.

Barbro Osher is chair of The Bernard Osher Foundation and president of The Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation. The Pro Suecia Foundation supports Swedish-related cultural and educational projects in North America and Sweden. Among the Foundation’s grantees are several American universities, including the University of California (Berkeley), Gustavus Adolphus University, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Washington, whose programs advance understanding of Swedish culture and tradition both in Sweden and in America. She also is an active member of the Consular Corps of San Francisco, an avid reader in six languages, and an enthusiastic skier.

Bernard Osher, Founder and Treasurer

Bernard Osher, a patron of education and the arts, started The Bernard Osher Foundation in 1977 which seeks to improve quality of life through support for higher education and the arts.

A native of Biddeford, Maine and a graduate of Bowdoin College, Osher has pursued a successful career
in business, beginning with the management of his family’s hardware and plumbing supplies store in Maine and continuing with work at Oppenheimer & Company in New York before moving to California. There he became a founding director of World Savings, the second largest savings institution in the United States, which was sold to Wachovia Corporation in 2006.

A collector of American paintings of the mid-19th to the mid-20th centuries, Osher purchased the fine art auction house of Butterfield & Butterfield in 1970 and oversaw its growth to become the fourth largest auction house in the world. In 1999, he sold the company to eBay.

Bernard Osher has been affiliated with a number of philanthropic and non-profit boards and currently serves as president of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Foundation and vice-chair of the American Himalayan Foundation. He is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Class of 2009). He also is a serious student of opera and an ardent fly fisherman.

He and his wife Barbro Osher, Honorary Consul General of Sweden in California, conduct their philanthropy through The Bernard Osher Foundation, The Bernard Osher Jewish Philanthropies Fund, and The Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation, which supports cultural and educational projects that link communities in North America and Scandinavia, with an emphasis on Sweden.

Mary G.F. Bitterman, President

Mary G. F. Bitterman is President of The Bernard Osher Foundation, a 37-year-old philanthropic organization headquartered in San Francisco that supports higher education and the arts. The Foundation provides post-secondary scholarship funding to colleges and universities across the nation, with special attention to reentry students. It also benefits programs in integrative medicine in the United States and Sweden, including centers at the University of California, San Francisco; Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston; and the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. In addition, the Foundation supports a national network of lifelong learning programs for seasoned adults, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes, which currently operate on the campuses of 118 institutions of higher education from Maine to Alaska and Hawaii. Grants to selected cultural and arts organizations are made in the San Francisco Bay Area and the State of Maine.

Previously, Bitterman served as President and CEO of The James Irvine Foundation and before that as President and CEO of KQED, a major American public broadcasting center. She has served as Director of the Hawaii Public Broadcasting Authority, the Voice of America, the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the East-West Center’s Institute of Culture and Communication. Bitterman currently is a director of Bank of Hawaii, Bay Area Council Economic Institute, The Bernard Osher Foundation, Commonwealth Club of California, and the Hawaii Community Foundation, and she chairs the PBS Foundation Board. She also is an Advisory Council member of the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, the Public Policy Institute of California, and Pacific Forum/CSIS. She is an Honorary Member of the National Presswomen’s Federation and a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. Bitterman received her B.A. from Santa Clara University and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College.
David Blazevich

David Blazevich was appointed Senior Program Officer of The Bernard Osher Foundation in October, 2006. Prior to joining the Foundation, David was the Director of Special Program Initiatives and Foundation Relations at KQED, San Francisco’s flagship public broadcasting affiliate. David has also served as Director of Development for Larkin Street Youth Center, a city-wide agency that provides housing and supportive services for homeless and runaway youth in San Francisco, and as Major Gifts Officer for the ACLU Foundation of Northern California. He is former Board Chair of New Conservatory Theatre Center and has been an organizational consultant and volunteer for a broad range of non-profit organizations, including Friends of the Urban Forest, the Ninth Street Media Arts Center, the Mental Health Association of San Francisco, and the Frameline Film Festival. He has also served as a featured lecturer in the technical writing program at San Francisco State University. David is a former theatre director, a native of the Chicago area, and an avid lifelong learner. He received his B.A. from Loyola University of Chicago and his Master of Liberal Arts degree from Stanford University.

Andy Lynch

As a program officer at The Bernard Osher Foundation since 2007, Andy oversees Osher scholarship programs in all 50 states and District of Columbia as well as every public institution of higher education in California and Maine. Prior to joining the foundation, he was Manager, Content Development at KQED Public Broadcasting and worked at EIP Associates, an environmental consulting firm. Andy earned a B.A. in English from Indiana University.

OLLI National Resource Center Staff

Kali Lightfoot is Executive Director of the National Resource Center for Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. She holds a B.A. from Western Michigan University and an M.S. from the University of Washington. Kali worked for Elderhostel (now Road Scholar) for over 20 years. Other jobs include Director of International Elder Programs for World Learning, Wilderness Ranger in the U.S. Forest Service, and Director of Senior College at University of Southern Maine which became the first OLLI. In 2004 Kali became the founding director of the National Resource Center. She is a graduate of Leadership Maine, and Past Chair of the LEARN network of the American Society on Aging. In 2011 she was inducted into the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Alumni Honor Academy at WMU, and later awarded a Golden Apple by the WMU College of Education. Kali is studying for an MFA in Poetry at Vermont College of Fine Arts.

Anne Cardale is Director of Communication at the National Resource Center (NRC) for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. She holds a post master’s CAS in adult education from the University of Southern Maine and an MFA in photography from the Royal College of Art in London. Anne worked as a professional photographer in the UK before moving into the education field where she developed a particular interest in the use of online educational tools. She has worked at the NRC since May 2009.
**OLLI Staff and Members**

**Frank Abegg**, a retired electrical engineer, is a Director and Treasurer on UAF's OLLI Board. He has lived in Alaska during the past 40 years managing and consulting for local electric utilities, being an adjunct professor at UAF, raising a family, building homes and cabins, enjoying summer and winter outdoor activities, and volunteering at the local Food Bank. Frank is also a Board member on the Interior Natural Gas Utility and an officer for the Retired Public Employees Association. He also enjoys playing the button box and accordion with the Fairbanks Accordion Club. Frank has enjoyed many OLLI courses and feels honored be working on the OLLI Board.

**Jennifer Anderson** is the Assistant Director for the Bryant Conference Center at The University of Alabama. Jennifer has been with the university for nine years and is also the Program Manager for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Alabama (OLLI at UA). She started OLLI at UA eight years ago, along with the advisory board. Her previous work experience includes teaching Secondary Education Language Arts, Managing Store Operations for the Limited Corporation, Retail and Food Service Director for the launch of Visionland Theme Park and Director of Bama Dining Food Service at The University of Alabama. Jennifer received her B.A. in Education in 1991 and her Masters in Human Environmental Sciences in May 2013, both from The University of Alabama. Jennifer serves the community as a board member on the Police Athletic League, Shelton State Community College Foundation, Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission, and the Holy Spirit Athletic Association. Jennifer is married with six children, the modern Brady Bunch, and resides in Tuscaloosa, AL.

**Karen Arnold** is full time with the OLLI program at Casper College in Casper, Wyoming. OLLI began in the spring of 2007 at which time she began working very closely with Vicki Pollock, the Program Coordinator. Karen is in charge of the 3 “Sign-up Events” that OLLI has during the year as well as handling registrations, lots of paperwork, many phone calls and drop-ins by OLLI members. Karen comes from a different background. Having earned her Master’s in Microbiology, she worked for more than 20 years in an infectious disease research lab at the University of California in San Diego. Moving to Casper Wyoming ten years ago led to working for Casper College and the OLLI program. Watching the OLLI program grow from no members to achieving the endowment has been the most rewarding part of my job. Karen enjoys long walks with her husband, lunches with girlfriends, and visits from her 3 children and 4 young grandsons.

**Rhonda Beard** Program Coordinator, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at SDSU/College of Extended Studies has served at the SDSU campus for over 23 years, beginning in the campus registrar’s office, then moving on to Facilities Services, and most currently in the College of Extended Studies (CES). During her career at SDSU, Rhonda has enjoyed the privilege of taking numerous courses towards achieving her educational goals and truly enjoys the exposure to campus life! Each of her positions on campus has enabled her to interact with a diverse group of staff, students and administrators as well as the SDSU community at large. In addition to her church and community involvement, Rhonda values spending quality time with her husband Steven, her children and family. During the past year, Rhonda has thoroughly enjoyed her new role as Program Coordinator with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at
CES. This unique community of individuals brings enthusiasm, engagement, vitality and lots of smiles to the program!

**Tika Beard** Prior to relocating from Northern California, Tika’s perspective was that you “flew over Utah to get where you were going!” Much to her surprise, she has been held captive since 1977 in what most outsiders think of as a desert—literally and figuratively—engaged in Utah’s culture, unparalleled outdoor recreation and, believe it or not, changing political landscape. Prior to joining Osher (Nov’13), the highlight of Tika’s career was Cancer Wellness House. Now in its 15th year, anyone whose life is affected by cancer receives free resources that empower and enhance quality of life. Tika is elated to apply that same passion to her work with the Osher team—locally and nationally—expanding curriculum design and fundraising strategies to provide mentally, physically and socially life enhancing resources to our community of peers 50 years and better.

**Dr. Brad Bechtold** is the Executive Director of Continuing Education and has served in this position since 2001. In this role, he oversees a wide array of credit and non-credit academic programs for all ages and interests, which includes the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Learning for You, Bridges to a Brighter Future, Undergraduate Evening Studies, and the Center for Corporate and Professional Development. Prior to joining Furman, Dr. Bechtold was the Assistant Academic Dean for Business and Executive Director of the Management Center of Greenville Technical College. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 1988 from Furman University. Brad also earned a Master of Science in Industrial and Organizational Psychology (1990) and the Doctor of Education (2004), with an emphasis in human resource development, from Clemson University. Dr. Bechtold has served in membership and board positions for the American Psychological Association, the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, the Greenville Society for Human Resource Management, the American Society for Training and Development, the United Way, and the University Center of Greenville. Brad is a graduate of Leadership Greenville (Class 29), the Richard W. Riley Institute’s Diversity Leadership Academy (Class 4), and Liberal Arts Leadership (Class I). Dr. Bechtold was the recipient of the 2010 “Innovation in Education and Community Service Award” for his efforts to develop sustainability focused business education programs.

**Kim Beck** is the Executive Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. His programming specialties include theater appreciation, understanding world religions, presentation skills and architecture appreciation. He leads annual theater tours to New York, as well as a number of tours to destinations around the world including Tanzania, Cuba and India. Prior to coming to UWM, Kim served as the Cultural and Fine Arts Program Manager at the Naperville Park District in Illinois and as a World Service Worker for the YMCA in Alexandria, Egypt. He holds a B.A. in philosophy from Saint John's University, Minnesota; an M.A. in humanities from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; and an M.A. in theater and drama from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Kim is a graduate of Group XII of Leadership Wisconsin. He is currently a Trustee for the Village of Thiensville and co-chair of the Thiensville Business Renaissance Commission.

**Jeff Beeson** serves as the Executive Director of the Center for Professional Studies (CPS) at Towson University in Maryland. He is responsible for Towson’s professional studies program focusing on professional certification and training programs designed to meet today’s industry demand. With over a decade of experience in workforce and policy development, Jeff has worked at both the state and federal level focusing on the development of corporate and government partnerships, grant
management and workforce development programs. As Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation he was responsible for adult and correctional educational programs and the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program. He also worked to enhance reentry and workforce training programs at Maryland’s Department of Public Safety and as an aid to Senator Barbara A. Mikulski. Jeff earned his Master’s and Bachelor’s degree from Towson University in Social and Political Science.

Michelle Bennett is the Program Administrator of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Indiana State University. She received her B.A. in Social Studies Education from Indiana State University in 1999. She has been employed at Indiana State since 2001 and has been part of OLLI at ISU since 2007.

Sarah Benton Sarah Benton has worked in the field of Adult Education for 30 years. She serves as Executive Director for OLLI at Penn State where she has been employed for the last 12 years. A Minnesota native, she received her undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth and her master’s degree in Adult Education from Penn State.

Carol Bernard I’m a true believer and example of lifelong learning. After spending 14 years as an ophthalmic technician and lab manager at Bausch and Lomb optical, I began my college career at age 42. I obtained an Associate’s Degree in Applied Science in Human Services, a Bachelor’s Degree in Family and Community Services and then a Master’s Degree in Human Development and Family Studies. I have enjoyed a 30-year career in non-profit organizations involving work as a volunteer coordinator for Hagley Museum and Library managing over 400 volunteers, a social worker in foster care and adoption for Children and Families First, a Training Coordinator for the Center for Disabilities Studies at the University of Delaware and a Federal grant administrator for the Delaware Humanities Forum and Professional Counseling Services. My family includes my husband, four children and three grandchildren – all who contribute to my continued learning!

Avi Bernstein comes to the OLLI at Brandeis with extensive experience in higher education administration, teaching and research. He has taught undergraduate courses at Boston College and Rutgers University, and graduate courses at Boston’s Hebrew College. He brings a wealth of experience in teaching adults, and has, since 1995, been active in the adult learning movement, adapting a highly interactive version of the traditional graduate humanities seminar for synagogues, civic organizations, and parlor meetings. His academic work reflects longstanding interests in the Marburg school of neo-Kantianism and its legacy; Anglo-American moral philosophy from R.M. Hare and Iris Murdoch to Alasdair MacIntyre and Charles Taylor; and philosophy of education in the practical spirit of educational theorists like Grant Wiggins and Jay McTighe. His essays have appeared in Hermann Cohen’s Ethics (Brill 2006), Religious Studies Review, and the Yearbook of the Leo Baeck Institute, and his teaching has touched on subject areas throughout the humanities: recent courses have included forays into Russian Literature (Brothers Karamazov, Doctor Zhivago, Mikhail Bakhtin), Secular and Liberal Jewish Thought (Chaim Zhitlovsky, Mordecai Kaplan, Phillip Roth), and American Pragmatism (Ralph Waldo Emerson, Ralph Waldo Ellison, Jeffrey Stout). In addition to his work in higher education, Avi spent a number of years teaching English Language Arts at the secondary level. He holds a degree, magna cum laude, in philosophy from Brown University, and a PhD from Stanford in Religion and Philosophy. Avi lives in Newton Highlands with his wife and their four children.

Mary Bistrovich was appointed Program Administrator for RIT’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in September 2013. Mary came to Osher from her role as an IT project coordinator for the replacement of
RIT’s student information system. She held a previous position at RIT as Associate Director and Project Manager in the Department of University Publications. Mary has also had experience in the corporate sector, at Thomson Reuters and Harris Interactive. Mary believes the members are the heart and soul of the organization. Their fascinating and diverse backgrounds, interests, and careers contribute to the incredible knowledge base that exists at Osher. She thrilled to be a part of this vibrant and dedicated community of lifelong learners. Mary holds a BA from State University of NY at Geneseo. She lives in a suburb of Rochester with her two young daughters, one mischievous chihuahua mix, and a comedic African Grey parrot.

Richard Blankmeyer is an OLLI member at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Dick is currently a member of the executive committee and has previously served on the curriculum committee. He teaches courses on U.S. history during the World War 2 period with a focus on the social issues of the time, and periodically hosts “movie night” for OLLI members and their guests. In 2002, Dick retired to New Mexico from Southern California after a 38 year career in banking. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California.

Jim Bouchard, M.A. Ed., has been the Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at California State University, Dominguez Hills (OLLI at CSUDH) since 2003. OLLI at CSUDH resides in the College of Extended and International Education. Jim has worked at CSU Dominguez Hills for thirteen years, and he worked in computer training and electronic publishing prior to that. He earned an M.A. in Education from Cal State University, Los Angeles with a specialization in Instructional Technology in 1993.

Michael Brady is Professor of Adult and Higher Education at the University of Southern Maine where he teaches graduate courses in the history and philosophy of adult education, action research, facilitation of learning, and gerontology. He also serves as Senior Research Fellow at the OLLI National Resource Center, a role in which he has conducted and published research about teaching and learning, perceived benefits of participation, journal writing, online education, OLLI learning communities, and other aspects of lifelong learning institutes.

Mary Brashears I’ve lived in Chico, CA for 60 years, raised 5 children, all of whom live close enough that we get together several times a year, along with 13 grandchildren and almost 13 great grandchildren. I enjoy sewing, quilting, genealogy, movies, reading, and baseball. My career began in retail management at Montgomery Ward before I altered course into social work, where I managed our local Rape Crisis program and Child Abuse Prevention Council before retiring. I then traveled the world before settling down to my OLLI career – and consider myself an “OLLI-holic”. I’ve been involved with OLLI since 2005, and have served in several roles: Membership Committee Chair; Newsletter Editor; Curriculum Committee; and Peer Leader for several different classes. I have led the Writing Your Slice of Life class since 2007 and currently co-lead Armchair Traveler, and I look forward to continued involvement in the growth and development of OLLI.

Ellie Browner retired from the College of Business Administration at Florida International University (FIU) in 2008. During her 20-year career with the College she served as Director of: the Center for Management Development, the Evening MBA and Business Graduate Admissions. Retirement and a desire to develop a life-long love affair with photography brought Ellie to OLLI where she enrolled in the first of many photography classes. She continues to pursue life-long learning opportunities through the many course offerings at OLLI. Ellie is currently an active volunteer for OLLI @ FIU, serving as Co-Chair for the Planning and Curriculum Committee. She has also served as special projects manager for OLLI @
Ms. Browner holds a BBA in Management and a Masters in Adult Education and Human Resource Development from Florida International University.

Peggy Bruce, an OLLI Council member, and her husband, Gene, moved from the University of Kentucky to southern Oregon when they retired several years ago. They were drawn to the area by the scenery and hiking opportunities AND by the outstanding OLLI courses and OLLI Outreach opportunities at the Science Works Museum and the National Forensic Laboratory. Having spent their academic careers in science, opportunities to explore the arts, the wealth of OLLI course offerings in art, history, and literature were extremely attractive. However, science remained a passion. Gene developed and taught two OLLI courses: “The Physiology of Sleep” modeled after a graduate level course he taught for many years, and “How Medical Devices Work” a very complex course developed specifically for, and greatly appreciated by, a subset of OLLI members. They are currently developing a course on the aging brain that aims to enhance understanding of cellular changes associated the normal aging process and to explore specific interventions, documented in the peer-reviewed literature, to be of potential benefit.

Kathy Brunk is a Michigan native and a Western Michigan University graduate who was transplanted in El Paso, TX 27 years ago. She has been active in UTEP’s OLLI program for three years, serving on the Curriculum Committee for two years. She is excited to have been chosen as the next Executive Board Chairman. Of all the wonderful classes OLLI offers at UTEP, art classes have become her passion and she is grateful for the opportunity to learn from such talented OLLI instructors and to meet so many wonderful people.

Beth Brunk-Chavez is an Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Texas at El Paso. She directs the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies degree program and is an Associate Professor of Rhetoric and Writing Studies.

Adam Brunner, PhD, has been working in the fields of aging and volunteer management for over 22 years. In the earlier part of his career, he directed many civic engagement programs that mobilized volunteers 55 years and older to support vulnerable families. He also directed a full-service Family Center for 4 years that was housed in a Philadelphia public school. Adam worked for the National Council on Aging where he directed a national network of volunteer programs. Currently, Adam is the director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. He received his doctorate in Adult and Organizational Development from Temple University.

Kathleen Bryant is program director for the OLLI at California State University, East Bay. She has worked with the Advisory Board of the East Bay program for the past nine years and moved to the Director position seven years ago. Prior to becoming involved with the OLLI program, Kathleen taught art at the elementary school level and worked as a children’s librarian for 13 years. She has now gained experience working with students, lifelong learners, from age four to 94.

Sally Burke co-chaired the OLLI Curriculum Committee at the University of Rhode Island and continues to serve on that committee. Professor Emerita of English at URI where she taught for thirty-four years, she has also been a member of Seniors Helping Others and Southern Rhode Island Volunteers.

Barbara S. Calhoun is the Dean of the College of Continuing and Professional Education at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. With more than 30 years of leadership in the field of Continuing Education, she is uniquely qualified. Dean Calhoun is engaged with the community at the local, state,
national and international levels. Her credentials have provided leadership for such extensive engagement, and some of her professional accomplishments include: Vice President of the Georgia Adult Education Association (1983-1984); President of the Georgia Adult Education Association (1985-1986); Chair of the statewide Public Service Committee reporting directly to the BOR (2006); Served in a joint position with Kennesaw State University and the Board of Regents serving all Continuing Educations in 35 universities and colleges in the state (2003). Dean Calhoun has provided leadership which enabled her college to create training programs in Eastern Europe, China, Korea and Afghanistan.

I've been working in the Extended Learning department here at Cal State University San Marcos for three years, serving as the Osher Program Coordinator for two. My career on campus began in 2007 as the Assistant Director at the Center for Children and Families Childcare Center. Though my education and expertise is in Early Childhood Education, I thoroughly enjoy working with folks of the opposite spectrum.

**Emma Carrasco** is the Director of OLLI at Texas Tech University. A native of Texas, she has enjoyed working for OLLI since 2009 and previously was manager of diversity and multiculturalism at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (medical school) for three years. Her education includes two Master's degrees. She earned one from Texas Tech University in higher education specializing in curriculum and instruction and an MBA from Sul Ross State University. Her daily life is filled with OLLI, volunteerism, mentoring students, church, husband, Gary, daughter, Agneta and just as important...two spoiled schnauzers named Scooter and Rowdy.

**Christine Catanzarite** has been the Director of OLLI at Illinois since January 2012. She also holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Cinema and Media Studies. Chris came to Illinois in 1997 and, before accepting the position at OLLI, served as the Senior Associate Director and Acting Director of the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities. She earned her BA in film studies, English, and theatre at the University of Pittsburgh, and her MA in Popular Culture Studies and PhD in American Culture Studies at Bowling Green State University. Between 2009 and 2011, Chris taught two film history courses at OLLI and coordinated two additional team-taught courses. These experiences introduced her to the energy and engagement that OLLI members bring to the classroom – and helped to establish the foundation for the plans that she is fortunate to make as the program's director.

**Julia Cayuso** is a native of Greenfield, Massachusetts. She received a B.A. with a double major in English and Anthropology from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. Upon graduation, she traveled to Colombia, South America to teach English as a Second Language. During her three years in Bogotá, she taught, designed curriculum, and authored a series of textbooks used at the binational centers in Colombia to teach English. Julia returned to the U.S. and earned a Master’s degree in Applied Linguistics from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. Julia moved to Miami after grad school. As a full-time lecturer at the University of Miami, Ms. Cayuso taught English language classes to international students. During her years at UM, she has taught in the M.A. program in TESOL in the School of Education, as well as in the Intensive English Program. After years of teaching, she moved into program administration of the non-credit foreign language programs and customized language programs at UM. In summer 2012, Julia began administering the language classes at OLLI at UM. Presently, Ms. Cayuso is the Director of the Intensive Language Programs and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Miami. She is a student in the doctoral program in higher education leadership at the University of Miami.
Dr. Brian G. Chapman is the Director of Outreach and Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Connecticut; he also holds an appointment in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Human Development and Family Studies. Brian earned a doctorate in Community College Leadership from the University of Texas at Austin where he was a Kellogg Fellow. He has also earned a Masters Degree in Student Personnel Administration from Columbia University in New York City and a Bachelors Degree in Secondary Education (History/Social Science) from Central Connecticut State University. During his career, Brian has worked at community colleges in California and Ohio and at four separate campuses of the University of Connecticut. He has a special interest in access issues in higher education, leadership, community based programs, diversity related initiatives, and institutional development. He has taught in federally funded TRIO programs, administered a privately funded pipeline program at the UConn's School of Medicine and served as a Special Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Santa Monica College. Brian has co-authored articles on academic support, fundraising, lifelong learning, and urban partnerships; he has co-edited a serial publication on partnerships between colleges and K-12 systems across the United States.

Michael Cheung is a faculty in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department. He teaches courses in family resource management, Middle Age and Aging, and Family Public Policy. He served on the Committee on Aging for the City and County of Honolulu, and has conducted numerous workshops for family caregivers across the State of Hawaii.

Kori Chisham joined Louisiana State University’s Continuing Education department, as the program manager for OLLI at LSU, in October of 2013. Prior to joining LSU, Kori was the director of visitor services at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. Kori received her MS in family studies from Abilene Christian University. Kori is from Texas and spent 14 years in the Washington, DC area before moving to Baton Rouge, LA in the summer of 2013. Kori is married to Rev. Dr. David Chisham, senior minister at First Christian Church in Baton Rouge, and they have an 18-month-old daughter.

Pamela K. Christy serves as the Assistant Program Coordinator for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Southern Oregon University. She is responsible for various financial accounting functions, payment processing using “CampusCE” online software, audio-visual tech support, and a myriad of other duties that help keep OLLI at SOU running smoothly day-to-day. She has been working in higher education for eight years and prior to that, worked at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival as a Membership and Development Professional. A creative person, Pamela received her BA in Studio Art from UC Santa Cruz in 1991, and a 2-year Certificate of Mastery in Drawing and Painting from a small art atelier in 2005.

Karen M. Clanton is Director of the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She has over twenty-five years’ experience working in an academic setting developing and managing continuing education, workforce development, health and physical education and lifelong learning programs and activities. She earned a Bachelor’s degree in Marketing and a Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama. Osher Lifelong Learning at UAH started as the Academy of Lifelong Learning in 1993. The program currently offers 60+ courses per term to approximately 800 members.

Kristy Clark was a pioneer in the field of gifted and talented education and traveled to many states and provinces as a speaker and workshop leader on topics including creative thinking and problem solving.
Thirty years ago she gave the keynote address to the ASDEG conference here in San Diego! Time flies! More recently she was a Realtor in Fort Collins and found lots of creative problems to solve in THAT job. Now in as a volunteer, she enjoys the many facets of curriculum design and development she encounters in her work on the CSU OLLI curriculum committee. The biggest challenge these days is picking which courses to take each term!

**Norma C. Clippard** graduated with honors from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a major in Marketing. She was employed in the financial world for many years before being hired by Vanderbilt University’s Division of Public Affairs. Her first position was Assistant to the Director of Retirement Learning at Vanderbilt and she was named Director within her first year. These last twelve years have been tremendously gratifying as she has grown and strengthened the program with the support of Vanderbilt and the Osher Foundation.

**Cathi Cody-Hudson** was recently appointed the Director for OLLI of the University of Vermont, providing administrative oversight for Vermont’s eight statewide sites and the UVM campus program. She is also the HR/Facilities Manager for UVM’s Department of Continuing & Distance Education, and is a member of UVM’s Center on Aging Faculty Advisory Council. Cathi has worked at UVM for 31 years and is a lifelong learner. She has been involved with OLLI at UVM programs since 2010. A native Vermonter, she enjoys staying physically active by walking, biking, ice-skating, hiking, and swimming. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, calligraphy and spending time with her family and friends.

**Irene Colsky** has been a member of Osher at the University of Miami since the "old" days when it was known as the "Institute for Retired Professionals". She received her BA at New York University, then Certification to teach in Florida, followed by a Masters and Doctorate in Education at the University of Miami. Before becoming a "retired" professional, she was active in local education affairs in Miami, receiving a Community Service Award for her work. Irene is an active member of the Social Events Committee and the Curriculum Committee at OLLI at UM.

**Rebecca Cook** is the Director of Continuing and Professional Education in the Office of Global Initiatives at the University of Arizona. Prior to stepping into the Director role in February 2014, Rebecca was a program manager in the non-credit division of UA Outreach College, where she developed courses in languages, writing, health and helping professions, communications, and summer youth camps. Rebecca started at the UA in 2001 in the marketing department of Extended University, where she was editor, copywriter, media buyer, and PR person. She has a background in nursing (maternal-child and public health fields) as well as journalism. One of her favorite past jobs was restaurant reviewer for the local weekly newspaper in Tucson. When she isn't working, Rebecca enjoys spending time with family and friends, hanging out with her menagerie (three dogs and a cat), cooking, visiting farmers' and flea markets, and reading voraciously.

**Katy Crapo** is the executive director for OLLI@UGA (the University of Georgia). She has spent her career in higher education, serving as an Assistant Director of Advising at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, as Director of Degree Programs and Distance Learning at the University of Tennessee-Martin, as well as a stint as a consultant providing services to corporate adult learners and assisting international students in gaining admission to American universities. An adult learner herself, Katy earned her bachelor’s degree in the management of human resources from Spring Arbor College. She holds a master’s in adult education from Northwestern State University. Katy loves to travel, cook, read, and work out.
Garry Crites is the Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Duke University. An ordained minister with a decade and a half of pastoral experience, Garry returned to graduate school in the late 1990s to earn a PhD in Religion from Duke University. He teaches courses in Celtic culture and religion. Garry enjoys hiking, visiting art museums with his wife of 35 years, and playing the bodhran (poorly).

Michele Crompton is the Program Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSU Monterey Bay. She has had successful careers in both the public and private sectors. Past chapters in her life include 25 years of management experience with several of Silicon Valley’s leading companies, including Apple Computer, Cisco Systems, Autodesk and Activision. Along with her achievements in business, Michele continues a lifelong journey with Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga, a discipline she has been teaching to students on the Monterey Peninsula for the past 12 years. With a deep passion for learning, Michele is inspired by the OLLI community and its continuing thirst for knowledge, intellectual stimulation and personal growth.

Megan Curtis is the Program Administrator of OLLI at Brandeis University (BOLLI). Primarily she is responsible for overseeing BOLLI’s physical space, as well as coordinating the marketing and volunteer recruitment efforts. Previously she worked as a Volunteer Coordinator at an elderly services nonprofit and then at a hospice. Megan graduated from Emerson College with a degree in Marketing Communications and is currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in Project and Program Management at Brandeis University.

Craig Cutbirth taught Communication Studies at Illinois State University for 35 years before retiring in 2008 and immediately joining OLLI. He has served on the Membership and Curriculum Committees as well as the OLLI Board, and since July 2012 he has been the Board Chair. Craig’s teaching career was oriented toward the study of political communication, with an emphasis on the messages politicians and interest groups use to attract and direct public opinion. He has taught several courses and facilitated numerous study groups that reflect these interests.

John Dahne. After twenty years in trust investments and another twenty years in the Maryland State Insurance Administration, John retired in 2008 and promptly joined the OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at Towson University. He is a member of the program's Coordinating Council and also serves on the Facilities Committee. He has been "'officially' named '"'Mr. Fixit'"' for the program. He attends many of the 8-week classes offered by the program, and is an enthusiastic supporter of continuing adult learning. He is a graduate of Kenyon College and a veteran of the US Navy (submarines and cryptography). He enjoys singing in his church choir, buying and selling Lionel trains, and restoring an '87 Nissan sports car.

Lyn Decker Registrar /Manager of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. Lyn joined Osher at Carnegie Mellon University in March of 2012 as the Registrar. In November 2012, she was appointed as the manager of the Osher at CMU organization. She holds a master’s degree in non-profit management from the University of Pittsburgh.

Fred Dejarlais was an urban planner with 40 years of experience with public agencies and private consultants. From 1980 until 2010 he was a principal and part owner of KCA Engineers in San Francisco. His most notable work at KCA involved project management of the firm’s engineering and infrastructure planning activities on the Mission Bay project in San Francisco. Since his retirement in January of 2010, Fred has been active in the California Map Society, founded a small planning and graphics consulting
firm, assisted local theater groups in set design and construction and devoted more time to reading, opera and cycling. He is currently president of OLLI at UC Santa Cruz and, in his spare time, is managing with his wife of 49 years the construction of a new retirement home in Capitola, CA.

Linda Derosier has been an Instructor for OLLI at Sierra College in Northern California since 2010. She teaches film studies with an emphasis on “Femme Fatales, Feminist, and Friendly Women in Film”. She has always enthusiastically watched, loved, and discussed film and started her first film club in high school. She met and married her husband, Mike while attending University of Minnesota, Morris and has a degree in History and Drama. Her OLLI course titles include: California Culture in Cinema, Hollywood Goes to Court: Reel Justice, And the Oscar goes to ...Whom?, Captivating Couples, and the films of James Bond, Sherlock Holmes, Elizabeth Taylor, Ingrid Bergman, Audrey Hepburn, Grace Kelly, and Meryl Streep. Linda has 2 daughters, 2 grand daughters and currently resides in Sun City Lincoln Hills with her husband of 44 years and over 1000 DVD and VHS films.

Jenifer Disano Since 2007, Disano has worked at George Mason University as a fiscal professional and technical writer in support of research at The GMU Center for Command, Control, Communications, Computing and Intelligence (C4I) within the Volgenau School of Engineering. While at the C4I Center until 2012, Disano worked as Project Manager in support of Principal Investigators to create proposals, execute contracts, monitor fiscal expenditures, administer awards and prepare technical reports. Disano is a seasoned writer with strong technical skills, experience managing large budgets, overseeing staff and has a ready command of social media. Prior to Disano’s work at George Mason University, she held a series of positions at DOD both federal, as an AA at Command Naval Aviation Pacific and contracted support, as a Scientist for Naval Sea Systems Command where she worked on environmental compliance. Disano, a lifelong volunteer, is recipient of several honor awards for excellence in Volunteer Service.

Dan Domis is Chair of the Board and Chair at OLLI at the University of Cincinnati. Dan has a BA and MA in geography from UC. He has attended OLLI classes for the past 6 years. Dan recently retired, again, from his “retirement job” with People Working Cooperatively, a non-profit that provides home repairs, energy efficiency measures, and modification for mobility to low income homeowners. Dan is retired from local government where he was Director of Housing and Community Development. During that time he was actively engaged in promoted development as a Board Member and President of the National Association of County Community and Economic Development.

John Dorcey is the Treasurer of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor – since 2010. John is also a member of the Board of Director’s, the Strategic Planning Committee and other OLLI ad-hoc committees. John, now retired, worked as a financial executive for various Tier 1 automotive component suppliers with Bendix (20 years) being the best known brand name. John is also a Director of SON International, a Tanzanian based NGO supplying water purification technology and products to indigent Tanzanians. John has a BS degree in Economics and Math from the Detroit Institute of Technology and an MBA (Finance) from the University of Detroit. John and his wife reside in Brighton, MI and regularly visit their 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren – fortunately none local but spread throughout the USA – in destination locales, e.g. Ft. Myers, FL, Chicago, Dallas and NYC. John plays tennis, runs and fly fishes occasionally.

Bernie Drake is a member of the Executive Committee for OLLI at Bradley University, where he currently serves as the Vice President. He also volunteers as an instructor, learning trip leader, and member of
several OLLI committees. Bernie holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana State University and a Masters in Communication from Illinois State University. He taught in the Peoria Public Schools for eight years, then went to work for a manufacturer of mining equipment, retiring in 2003 after 27 years. Bernie is a Past President of the Board of the Peoria Historical Society, has served on the Fine Arts Society of Peoria board, the Lakeview Board, and was named to the inaugural board of the new Peoria Riverfront Museum. He and his wife Barb have three grown sons and are enjoying traveling during their retirement.

Rich Easter joined the OLLI at UNLV team in 2012 as an Operations Coordinator and is currently the Assistant Director for the program. Prior to joining the UNLV staff, he worked as a program manager and development officer for national nonprofits Reading Is Fundamental and Feeding America. Rich has enjoyed helping OLLI at UNLV grow and develop, and looks forward to building a strong culture of philanthropy in the upcoming year.

Lee Edgerton is the incoming Chair of the Advisory Committee for OLLI at the University of Kentucky. His education began in Kuna, Idaho (center of the universe, for all you lifelong learners). He attended the University of Idaho (BS in Dairy Science), Purdue University (PhD in Animal Science [reproductive physiology]) and Michigan State University (Post Doc). He was employed as a senior scientist at Smith Kline Corporation for three years. From 1975 until retirement in 2011 he was a faculty member of the Department of Animal and Food Sciences at the University of Kentucky. There he served as Director of Graduate Studies and then as Director of Undergraduate Studies. In addition he served five years as the University’s Academic Ombud. He has been involved in OLLI since retirement in 2011. Hobbies include jogging, gardening, bee keeping, and, of course, lifelong learning.

Karen Egedy a lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, is representing the Lagniappe Chapter of OLLI at LSU. After retiring from teaching mathematics (for the second time) in 2011, Karen joined OLLI at the recommendation of friends. Now serving as Data Manager to the Curriculum Committee and filling an unexpired term on the Advisory Council, she plans to assume the Council chairmanship in June. Participation with OLLI has been a wonderful experience in every respect!

Nancy Ellenbogen serves on the Advisory Council and Executive Committee of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Dominican University Of California. She also currently chairs their newly formed Strategic Planning Committee. As a trained social worker, Nancy took a sharp left turn in her career direction, and grew up in the business world, working for Levi Strauss & Co. in a variety of leadership positions in supply chain management, business process re-engineering, corporate marketing and customer relations. Passionate about her post-retirement OLLI experience as a platform for growth, learning, and discovery, she has been described as an unholy composite of Auntie Mame, the Ever-Ready Bunny, and an aspiring Rhodes Scholar.

Chris Elliott serves as the Director for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Oklahoma. He has been developing and coordinating programs for senior adults and youth over the past fourteen years. During his tenure at OU Outreach, OLLI programs have grown from a few small programs to serving several thousand participants annually. He is responsible for the creation, implementation, and coordination of several of the department’s most successful programs including Grand Camp, OU Book Club, and Senior Seminars. Elliot has recruited faculty as well as participants from Oklahoma and beyond. He has also taught summer courses for youth on the Harry Potter book
series and frontier history and written curriculum for several projects. Elliott holds a bachelor’s degree in Advertising and a master’s in Higher Education Administration, both from the University of Oklahoma.

**Helen Emmerich** is president of OLLI at Stony Brook, New York. She holds a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from the University of Illinois. Helen was on the faculty of Stony Brook University for 15 years, where she was the founding director of the University Preschool, a teaching and research facility for the psychology department. Subsequently, she worked as a school psychologist in the local school district for another 15 years. Helen has been a member of OLLI for 9 years and on the OLLI board for 4. This has been an exciting year for her as president: OLLI @Stony Brook has offered a record number of workshops in a semester (102) and has passed the 1,000 mark in membership, while pursuing new program ideas and searching for a new director to replace the original director who retired in September. Her hobbies of gardening, reading, and quilting have taken a back seat this year.

**Jennifer Engel** has (very) recently joined the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Pittsburgh as the Director of the program. Before that, she worked at Sarah Heinz House Boys & Girls Club (SHH) for fifteen years, first as a Program Director and then as the Director of Outcomes and Performance Management. While at SHH, she developed and implemented an outcome Measurement strategy, led the strategic plan, oversaw the administrative functions of the organization and supported professional development plans and efforts of over 200 staff and volunteers. Jennifer received her Master’s in Applied Developmental Psychology from Pitt and her Bachelor’s in Chemistry from Allegheny College. Finally, she has a wonderful and very supportive family including her husband Jon, and her two adorable children JD (age 7) and Grace (age 5). Although very new to the OLLI family, she is very excited to join this engaged, dedicated and thriving community.

**Ann Evans** is program manager for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. She manages the courses and special events presented in 11 cities across Northeast Kansas and Greater Kansas City. Previously, Evans served the Lawrence community for more than 33 years as the founding executive director of the Lawrence Arts Center. She led the development of a community vision into a major public institution. She directed the successful planning, capital campaign and construction of a purpose built facility for the arts in the community which opened in 2002. She has also been an active leader in both state and local arts and community organizations, receiving numerous awards for her commitment and leadership.

**Angela Faulkner-Van Deysen, MPA, CFLE, PCED,CPM** became the Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at West Virginia University in October 2012 and has called West Virginia home since 1993. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from Muskingum College and a Master’s in Public Administration from WVU. She also holds the designations of Certified Family Life Educator, Professional Community Economic Developer and Certified Project Manager. Angela lives in Woodburn with her husband, Brent Van Deysen, Ashley who will be attending Washington and Lee University in the fall, and Alden the massive mastiff. They are expecting a baby boy in July.

**David Fechtor** became the Director of the Osher LLI at Tufts in January 2012. Before joining the university he had a number of successful and varied careers, including a 10-year stint in Hollywood supervising foley sound effects for feature films (Big; Johnny Handsome; Big Trouble in Little China; and dozens of others); several years as the Copy Director for one of Central Connecticut's leading ad agencies; and a stretch as Project Manager for a company that produced interactive training films for government security agencies. David has performed as a guest artist with the Hartford Symphony
Orchestra, studied mime in Paris with Étienne Decroux (Marcel Marceau's teacher), and earned membership in Hollywood's famed Magic Castle. He is now putting his skills to good use at the Osher LLI at Tufts helping to develop new audiences and study groups, and doing his best to expand the program's commitment to community involvement.

Bette Felton is a public health nurse and health policy researcher. She is a California native, and educated at University of California, Berkeley and San Francisco, and State University of New York at Buffalo. She has been at California State University since 1979, as Professor, Assistant to the President, and Dean of the Concord Campus. She was the Principal Investigator on the first OLLI at CSU East Bay grant and continues on the Advisory Group, Curriculum and Marketing/Fundraising Committees. Bette is particularly interested in teaching and learning science and interpretation strategies for adults. She is currently serving as vineyard manager at Sky Terrace Vineyards.

Jane M. Fletcher, MSW, CSWM, has enjoyed serving in the position of OLLI Program Director for three years at Granite State College (GSC) so much that to her it feels like 'working for the fun of it!'. Jane’s OLLI responsibilities include: budget management, policy and fundraising development, staff supervision, growth initiatives and the provision of staff support to OLLI volunteer committees. Jane is a certified social work manager, a member of the Advisory Board of the Department of Social Work at the University of NH, an NH Association of Volunteer Administrators board member, a faculty member at GSC and a member of OLLI. She and her husband have been married for 34 years and are the proud parents of two delightful, grown daughters.

Patricia Flynn  Pat has been a member of OLLI since 2003 and was chairperson of the Social Committee in 2005. She has been a member of the curriculum committee since 2004 and chairs the travel committee. She has served on the development committee last year and in 2013. Prior to her position on the OLLI Board of Directors, Pat’s business experience was in school administration where she worked for the Weymouth School System. One of the major aspects of Pat's position was the planning, management and execution of social and business events across the entire school district.

James Forcier is Managing Director at the University of California, San Diego Extended Studies and Public Programs division. He is responsible for the planning, managing and administration of various operations for the division which include: The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC San Diego (OLLI-UCSD), Facilities Management, Planning and Design, Student Services, Computing Services, and the Office of the Dean. In addition, he works closely with key campus personnel and the Chancellors office on various outreach programs to the community. James is involved in a variety of campus and community organizations. He has served on the executive board for the San Diego Brain Injury Foundation and co-chaired an advisory committee for the Chancellor. James is the recipient of numerous awards and a graduate of the prestigious LEAD San Diego, an educational nonprofit organization focused on leadership building and volunteerism.

Catherine Frank has been director for the OLLI at UNC Asheville (formerly the NC Center for Creative Retirement) since June 2010. Before moving to Asheville, she was director for OLLI at Duke University from 2007-2010, where she also enjoyed teaching courses in literature and writing from 2001 through 2010. Before becoming involved in lifelong learning, Catherine was director for the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill. Catherine holds three degrees in English from UNC Chapel Hill and studied classical guitar at the UNC School of the Arts throughout her high school career. She and her husband are perpetually
renovating their homes in Chapel Hill and Asheville and delight in the challenges of keeping up with their 12-year-old daughter.

**René Friedman**, Executive Director of Florida Atlantic University’s Lifelong Learning Society (LLS), developed the program on the Palm Beach Gardens Campus, which began in spring of 1997. In 1999, FAU completed a new campus in Jupiter and they provided offices and space for the LLS program and then gave the land to build the Lifelong Learning Complex. In 2006, the complex was completed and made possible by major gifts from LLS students. Today, the Jupiter LLS program occupies its own complex and has over 7,400 students and over 25,000 registrations. René was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and moved to Tampa, Florida after graduating from the University of Illinois and pursuing post-graduate work at the University of South Florida. René was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and moved to Tampa, Florida after graduating from the University of Illinois and pursuing post-graduate work at the University of South Florida. With a diverse background in public relations, management, program development and retail business, René came to Florida Atlantic University from Florida State University. There, for seven years, she was involved in planning and implementing programs at Florida State University’s Center for Professional Development and Continuing Education. Previously, she owned and operated a pottery retail business and taught pottery for fourteen years in Tampa, Florida. She was chairman of Tampa’s Gasparilla Sidewalk Art Festival, and served as a judge for the National Scholastic Art Awards for Polk and Hillsborough Counties. She served on the Board of Directors for the first Art and Science Museum and The Abused Children's Home in Tallahassee.

**Nick Fuentes** Born and raised in Southern California, I have been involved with OLLI in different capacities since 2006. I’m currently the Program Director for OLLI and the Operations Director for Extended University at CSU Channel Islands. In addition to my work with OLLI, I manage operational aspects of the master’s and undergraduate programs that run through Extended University at CI. I have a BA in Psychology from UC Santa Barbara and an MA in Organizational Management from Antioch University. I’m looking forward to being able to take some OLLI classes in just a few years!

**Suzanne Fuller** Learning has always been a passion for me. As a newspaper reporter in Minneapolis for 11 years, I loved learning something new every day, as my assignments varied. Then for 35 years I volunteered for a variety of non-profits, both the arts and social services in Hawaii and South Dakota. Each new project and activity brought a new learning experience, from researching low level nuclear waste in South Dakota to coordinating the publication of an award-winning cookbook in Hawaii to serving on the advisory committee which started the Northern Plains Tribal Arts Show & Market. Now, Sioux Falls OLLI allows me to continue to learn but also to have the opportunity to create lifelong learning experiences for others. I am vice-chair of the OLLI Leadership Council and serve on the curriculum committee. The same curiosity and questions used during my reporting years are helpful as we brainstorm ideas of classes.

**Sarah Garland** is OLLI Program Director at University of Alaska Fairbanks. She has a B.A. in Philosophy, an M.S. in pure mathematics, and a second M.S. in Civil & Environmental Engineering. Most of her career has been spent teaching mathematics at the community college and college level, though she did a 4-year stint as a research environmental engineer. Sarah’s other interests include dogs, bicycling and music. She sponsors Pi Day (3/14) on her local public radio station, and this year she taught a one-day OLLI class about the number pi. (See “Pi 111” on YouTube for her transformation of the first 111 digits of the decimal expansion of pi into a waltz in G major.) She plays hammered dulcimer in a band called “Ice
Jam.“ Sarah will head to the OLLI conference straight from a festival in Oregon, so she’ll have her instrument with her. “Anyone want to jam?”

**Dawn M Gaymer, Ed.D, MBA** As associate provost of Extended University Programs at Western Michigan University, Dr. Dawn M. Gaymer leads institutional initiatives related to access, outreach and innovation of learning. Extended University Programs at WMU encompasses eight regional locations across the state of Michigan, the university’s robust online programs, conferencing and degree completion through the University Studies program. EUP also provides non-credit activities which includes the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at WMU which Dr. Gaymer helped establish in 2011. With more than twenty years of progressive experience in higher education, Gaymer joined WMU in late 2009 from Eastern Michigan University, where she served as assistant dean of graduate programs in EMU’s College of Business, as assistant dean for Continuing Education credit programs and manager of foreign student enrollment. She also worked as director of international admissions at the University of Toledo, as a program coordinator at Golden Gate University and as an admissions specialist at Brevard Community College in Florida. Dr. Gaymer teaches innovative pedagogy to doctorate students in the College of Health and Human Services and also taught graduate level adult education for many years at EMU’s College of Education. She has more than a decade of experience in developing and delivering distance education programs at public universities. She has served on several national and state committees and initiatives to explore avenues to increase both access and quality of learning through distance education.

**Susan Gerhart** Susan’s career launched thanks to Sputnik then spanned computing from punch cards, through networks before the WWW, into international initiatives in high quality software. Institutional affiliations included Duke University, USC Information Sciences Institute, the Wang Institute of Graduate Studies, MCC research consortium, National Science Foundation, NASA, and Embry-Riddle University. Retiring with a vision disability, powerful assistive technology amplified by the online blind community enabled reading, communicating, and thus OLLI-style lifelong learning. Her facilitated learning groups include social media (twitter handle slger123), Internet history, the Singularity, and assistive technology. A member of the Governing Council, she also coordinates a SIG for members with vision loss. A creative writing learning group experience stimulated a forthcoming dystopian story combining computing history, wearable computers, ablism, and dissipated privacy. She has fostered a young female Intel software engineer and a Germany-based Army police man.

**Michelle Girage** is Assistant Dean of the College of Continuing and Professional Education at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. She has been with OLLI since November 2009 and serves on the Scholarship Committee for credit courses at KSU. Prior to coming to OLLI, Michelle worked at Georgia Tech for seven years which included three years as a program manager in logistics and supply chain management. Michelle is a KSU graduate and holds a degree in marketing and biology. She is thrilled to be back on her home turf and enjoys listening to all the stories her students have to tell. Michelle is currently working on her MBA.

**Grace Giras** was born in NYC, but her family emigrated across the George Washington Bridge to NJ for the free kindergarten. The main hobby of her early years was climbing the Palisades without appreciating their geological structure or falling to her death. Later Grace watched lots of Wall Street astronaut parades and Shakespeare in the Park performances. After high school, Grace, egged on by Sputnik, studied electrical engineering at Carnegie Mellon. Grace’s technical expertise over 40 years has
been extremely varied. Highlights include visualization of scientific data such as colliding galaxies and high payload robotics. About 15 years ago, Grace moved from Pittsburgh to Charlottesville and then worked for Northrop Grumman (Sperry Marine) on ship integrated bridge software systems. She is now retired and has been enjoying OLLI UVA courses and Outings. Grace is the OLLI Program Committee Co-Chair and the OLLI Outings Chair.

Len Goodman  Before retiring to Durham in 2008, Len spent 40 years in the financial services industry specializing in the develop and management of electronic banking services for corporate and retail customers. He started taking OLLI courses soon after relocating to North Carolina and joined the OLLI Board in 2012. He currently serves as Vice President and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Len has a BS in Accounting from Rider University and an MBA from Pace University in New York.

Lois Gordon is a member of OLLI at Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies and the current chair of its member advisory council. Lois is a lawyer with a lifelong interest in art and art history. At OLLI Northwestern she leads a study group on contemporary art, and has worked to originate and implement campus-wide OLLI programs to supplement the basic program of study group offerings. Among these are One Book/One OLLI, now in its fifth year, a week-long event of festive activities centered on one book; Theater Day, now in its fourth year, a day-long event featuring a guest speaker or performance followed by participatory workshops in the theater arts; and the Summer Institute "Film, The Moving Image and How It Affects Our Lives," now in its third year, featuring three special event days during the summer session on various aspects of film, with guest speakers, films, and discussions.

Malcolm Green is President of the Governing Council of OLLI at California State University, Long Beach. He received his BA from the University of California, Berkeley, and his MA from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. After a career in the aerospace and defense industry, he joined the State of California Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency. He also teaches French language, culture, and conversation classes at our OLLI and looks forward to broadening our membership and curriculum.

Gail Greenwood joined Osher Life Long Learners at Santa Cruz about 4 years ago where she was delighted to find "her people." A retired community college history teacher, she participates eagerly in several of the interest groups and has joined the all volunteer board first as publicity chairperson and now as program director, where her job is to secure fascinating, intelligent speakers for the regular monthly Sunday morning general meetings. Attendance at general meetings now averages over 200, and with interest groups exceeding 60. She also taught a class on Women in the Ancient World. This is Gail’s first foray into national OLLI.

Sandra Halladey  With a successful 6-year track record at SF State in alumni relations, fundraising and audience development, Sandra was hired as the Director of the OLLI program after a national search in March of 2013. She has over 20 years of experience in educational leadership, membership development and media advocacy. A founder of the San Francisco chapter of Parents for Public Schools, she is involved with public education and arts education activism. The OLLI at SF State has grown by 40% in one year.

Jack Hansen is a member of the OLLI at Furman University in Greenville, SC, and this year serves as its director of Outreach. His professional career was devoted to conducting research in his areas of specialization (computational fluid dynamics and acoustics) and helping to lead research organizations.
For example, he directed the research at the NASA Ames Research Center (1997-2000) and served as Associate Director of the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (2001-2007) and still works part-time for both of these organizations. He is the author of over 70 publications on research and research policy, and since making the transition from full-time employment has coauthored a book on the personal dimensions of retirement: Shaping a Life of Significance for Retirement, Upper Room Books, 2010.

**Ruth Heller** is Program Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Oregon. She holds a B.F.A. from Texas Christian University, M.S. in Dance and M.S. in Arts Administration from UO. After receiving her masters’ degree she was an adjunct faculty member for the Department of Dance, teaching studio and lecture courses, and coordinating public relations for the department. Through her arts administration studies Ruth developed her interest in community outreach and education projects. She found an ideal professional outlet for these interests in the UO Division of Academic Extension. There, she has managed professional development and lifelong learning programs since 1999. Ruth is former chair of the American Society on Aging Lifetime Education and Renewal Network, and has recently completed a five-year term on the LEARN leadership board.

**Katherine Henderson** has worked in higher education for more than forty years in different roles: twenty years as Professor of English Literature at the College of New Rochelle in New York; eight years as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Dominican University of California, ten years as President of Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and seven years as Director of OLLI at Dominican University of California. She has a B.A. from Connecticut College, an M.A. from New York University, an M.A.T. from Harvard University and a PhD. from Columbia University.

**Debra Herman** is a native of New Jersey but has spent most of her life in Florida. She holds a BA in education and a MS in journalism. Debra has been an educator for over 15 years teaching elementary through high school-aged students as well as teaching at the college level. She has held administrative positions since 1999 and is currently the Director of OLLI at FSU since 2011. Debra has a love of nature and photography, learning and writing, traveling to new places, and spending time with her family and friends.

**Barbara Hochberg** is the first executive director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Berkshire Community College (BCC) in Pittsfield, MA. She works closely with her OLLI’s educational partners - BCC, Williams College, Bard College at Simon’s Rock and the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts to provide programming throughout Berkshire County in westernmost Massachusetts. She has worked in higher education since the 1970s focusing her attentions on planning and budgeting for specialized curricula and projects. She has written numerous large federal and state grants and enjoys the process of program development. She is happy to support her OLLI volunteers as they consider new projects, including planning and executing a year-long 20th Anniversary Celebration for OLLI at BCC taking place in this academic year. Barbara is an avid skier and not so avid golfer and she holds a masters degree in library science.

**Connie Hodgson** (the “g” is silent) was born in Le Mesa, CA. She was born second to the last of six children – in other words, Connie was expected; however, her identical twin sister was a complete surprise. When the nurses told her mother, Lorraine, she just had twins; she started laughing…..and is laughing still to this day. Her father, George, was in the Border Patrol at the time but that soon changed when he became an Immigration Officer and the family eventually settled in Pembina, ND. Connie is the
Coordinator of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of North Dakota, better known as OLLI@UND, and has been with the program since its first semester in the spring of 2007. Connie has been a Grand Forks resident since 1976. She is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at Holy Family Catholic Church, a P.E.O. sister, an avid hunter, gardener and artist. She and her husband of 25 years, Linn, have one son, Louis.

Susan Hoffman is the Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of California, Berkeley (OLLI @Berkeley). The Institute offers over 100 courses and events each year for older adults with Berkeley faculty and other experts teaching a forward-looking curriculum, experimenting with pedagogy, and building a learning community of reciprocity and intellectual challenge. Hoffman also directs OLLI @Berkeley's evaluation and research program of scholars and researchers to better understand the older learner and learning across the lifespan. She participates in national and international consortia of educators on civic engagement and democracy. Previously, Hoffman served as chief consultant in the founding of Cal State University Monterey Bay, the New Media Institute at San Francisco State University (SFSU), and as the founding director of OLLI at SFSU. She served for ten years as Executive Director of the California Confederation of the Arts, advocating at the national and state level for increased public funding, partnerships, and cultural policies to expand community access to the arts. Hoffman holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Miami University and did graduate work at University of California, Santa Cruz in History of Consciousness. She has held adjunct faculty appointments in creative writing, theater, and politics. Her published writing includes essays, poetry, and reviews.

Virginia Holten I have been a volunteer at Cal State San Marcos, CA since 2007. I am 76 years old, and my career was in the CA community colleges, including two stints as a community college president. I retired in 1994. I have been a volunteer with Osher for eight years. I assist the Osher Office with class scheduling and contacting and interviewing potential instructors. I have a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and spent my career as a teacher and administrator in the California Community Colleges.

Cathy House joined the Osher Institute at the University of Utah in November, 2005. Under her guidance, membership has grown almost ten-fold. In addition to her responsibilities as Director of the Osher Institute, she teaches courses for other programs of Continuing Education – Data-Driven Leadership, GMAT Prep, and various MS Office applications – and serves on the Osher National Resource Center Research Review Panel. She holds a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Utah and degrees in Electrical Engineering, a Master's from Cornell University and a Bachelor's from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Away from the office Cathy enjoys outdoor activities with her rescue dogs, travel, and hand-building and wheel-throwing ceramics.

Nancy Huber I've been the OLLI program coordinator (at North Carolina State University) since December 1999. It's been a fun and exciting journey helping our program grow not only in member numbers but with the diversity of courses/lectures and trips we offer. We're looking forward to continuing our growth!

Merrill Hudson is the current Vice-Chair of the Curriculum Committee at the Osher LLI at Tufts University, a member of the nominating committee, a leader of the Book Club and the History Group, a co-teacher of history classes and a teacher of many film classes. A transplant from the South, he grew up in New England and received his B.A. in Sociology from Tufts University in 1970. After sojourns to Greece, he worked at The Mass. Dept. of Public Health for over 33 years, and often goes to El Salvador. Upon retiring in 2008, he joined the Tufts Osher LLI to take classes and continue his education.
**Rob Hyssong** is the Program Coordinator for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Southern Maine, Portland Maine. He has returned “home” after graduating from USM with a degree in Social Work in 1992. Prior to working for OLLI, Rob did a similar job at a computer training company, and was one of the managers of a retail store. Rob lives in South Portland and has been happily married for 17 years and has two children.

**Tricia Inlow-Hatcher** is director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at North Carolina State University. She has an MA in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia, and has over 29 years of experience teaching for and administering experiential learning and higher education programs in Washington, DC and the Research Triangle area of North Carolina. She is a member of the University Professional and Continuing Education Association and the Association for Continuing Higher Education.

**Richard Isinghood** is the vice-chairman of the USF Olli program at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. He is retired from the education arena having been a teacher, guidance counselor and administrator at public elementary schools. He has taught adult education classes in English and Computers. Richard became involved in OLLI three years ago as a student. Since then he has served as teacher assistant, co-teacher, a volunteer for committees and now serves as vice-chair of the Olli Board. He is enrolled in the USF Olli Renaissance Certificate Program. Richard has embraced the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute concept of seeking ways to improve the quality of life through the higher education and arts. He believes that living and education go hand in hand with the living of a meaningful life. Richard is most grateful for the opportunity to continue his quest for learning, and is most thankful to his mother for her influence.

**Carin Jacobs** began her role as Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Sonoma State University in August of 2013. A specialist in adult education with extensive experience in arts administration and curriculum development, Carin most recently served as Director of the Center for the Arts, Religion and Education at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. At previous stages in her career, she served as Curator of Education and Public Programs at the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkeley and as Interim Manager of Adult Programs at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. She holds a Masters Degree in Museum Studies from John F. Kennedy University and a Bachelors Degree in French Literature from UC Santa Cruz. Carin has taught courses in both Museum Studies and Food Studies at the graduate level, and sits on the board of the California Wine Museum.

**Ralph Jaeck** Board Member (OLLI University of Nevada) 2014-present. City Manager 1970 – 2009. BA Sonoma State University, MPA San Jose State University. College Instructor 1976 - 2014 Monterey Peninsula College, Golden Gate University, University of Phoenix.

**Judith Janes** is the Program Director of the OLLI at the University of Pacific. She has been in her position since October 2011. Her career path has taken her through numerous cities in and out of the country with her family. Originally a native of Indiana and educated in California and Florida, she has spent the last decade in Stockton, California. Prior to joining the University, Judith was employed at a senior retirement community as the Resident Services Director. While in that position she served as a resource board member for OLLI and worked with the former leadership of the university’s lifelong learning program to make their community a satellite site for courses in 2006. She brings to her work years of experience in management, volunteerism, consulting, grant writing and fund raising for non-profit organizations that include hospital foundations and Catholic Charities service programs.
Bob Jones is the Chair of the Steering Committee for OLLI at Granite State College, which works to coordinate policy and procedures among four OLLI sites spread across New Hampshire. He holds a BA from Bowdoin and a MS from Stanford in Engineering-Economic Systems, and is a retired systems and software engineer. Bob has been active in OLLI for 7 years as a student, presenter and volunteer. He is also active in a number of NH environmental, political and social organizations, and has sung with the Manchester Choral Society, the NH Friendship Chorus and his church choir for over 20 years.

Nan Jones joined OLLI shortly after retiring in 2009 after 32 years of teaching primarily social studies at the secondary level in the public schools of several states. She served as an executive officer for SC Council for the Social Studies and on Board of Directors of NCSS. Nan is the past president of local Kiwanis Club and current Regent of the Walhalla DAR Chapter. She has taught genealogy classes at OLLI since 2010 and also at Tamassee DAR School, Oconee Heritage Center, Artist Loft, Columbia Newcomers Club and Clemson Area African America Museum. She has served on the Curriculum Committee since 2010 and as co-chair since 2012. Nan loves reading, lighthouses, travel and genealogy.

John Kenney Currently Chairman of the Tara Hall Home for Boys, www.tarahall.org. Avid author and photographer. Formerly: Adjunct Professor at Catholic University School of Law; Owner of Eluminate Group Strategic Planning Firm; General Counsel of Southern Pacific Communications Company.

Mary Lou Kenney OLLI Student and Olli Ambassador. Sixteen years at NPR. Board Member Friendship Place, Chair of Job Training Committee. Managed communication and outreach projects for large scale government technology projects. For public entities and non-profits, developed and managed partnership programs designed to reach multiple consumer segments ranging from the young to the old, rural to urban and economically disadvantaged groups leveraging relationships with government, corporate, and not-for-profit entities to maximize the strengths and contributions of each to enhance the project. Ten years working in the US Senate & Executive Branch of the Government.

Tom Kenyon holds a BS degree from St. Louis University and a MA degree from Georgetown University. His career includes 25 years working in international education and training and 25 years as a not for profit executive and consultant. He has served on many Boards representing the interests of children, minorities and educational opportunities. He is the author of the book, "What You Can Do To Help The Homeless" published by Simon and Schuster in 1992.

Lisa King I am the Program Manager for OLLI at Dartmouth. I have been in the field since 1995. When I began in 1995, we had 676 members. Today we have over 1600! I wholeheartedly enjoy working with such a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers and study leaders. I'm looking forward to my first Osher National Conference.

Deb Klevans My interest in and commitment to lifelong learning goes back a long way. After receiving a graduate degree in Human Development with an emphasis in adult development, I changed careers from being a faculty member in the Department of Communication Disorders at Penn State University to working in the field of continuing education. Before retiring I served as director of Penn State’s Outreach Office of Program Development where my staff and I designed and developed noncredit programs for adults at all stages of development. Now that I’ve reached the Third Age myself, I enjoy working as a volunteer for OLLI @ Penn State where I am currently serving as President of our Board and the luxury of being a learner in courses designed by others – except when I am indulging in my passion for travel, theater, and my far-flung family. I look forward to sharing experiences and ideas with you.
Richard Knopf  Dr. Knopf serves as Director of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Arizona State University (OLLI at ASU). He is a Professor of Community Resources and Development at ASU, and also directs the ASU Partnership for Community Development. His expertise rests in advancing community quality of life by building innovative partnerships among businesses, government, non-profit and community service organizations. He has formulated a vision for OLLI at ASU that fuses adults 50 and over with the intellectual and cultural resources of Arizona State University, as well as provides meaningful pathways for civic engagement. Dr. Knopf also heads the Age Friendly University initiative at ASU, and serves on a multinational steering committee for introducing Age Friendly design principles to universities on a global scale. His primary research specialty is on the role of community formation in optimizing lifelong learning experiences for older adults.

Howard Korman was born in 1942 and raised in Cleveland Ohio, graduating high school in 1960. He has a B.S. in Engineering Science from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland (1964) – Case scholarship, and an M.A. (Engineering) and Ph.D. from Harvard University in engineering & applied math (1968) - National Science Foundation Fellowship at Harvard. Howard entered the aerospace industry in Southern California in 1968 with TRW and retired in 2006 from Northrop Grumman (who bought TRW in 2002), where he worked as an aerospace engineer, particularly in systems engineering. He taught courses in the USC Graduate School of Mechanical Engineering. After retirement, Howard began playing tuba with the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band. He also plays tuba with the Shtetl Menchen (Village People), a klezmer band out of the Long Beach Jewish Community Center. Howard is married to Dale Korman who also is in Omnilore; he has one son, Arik, two daughters, Caryn & Diane, and five grandchildren. He has lived in Torrance since 1969 (except for a 15 year stint in Redlands, CA). Howard enjoys all kinds of music, sports (e.g. basketball), history and current events. He started with Omnilore in January, 2007 (having taken 24 classes) and has been president since November, 2012. He was Membership Chairman from 2007 to 2011, and vice president for Administration in 2012. Omnilore has given Howard the opportunity to study a number of topics that he always wanted to explore but never had the time.

Kim Laney is the OLLI Program Specialist at Humboldt State University. Her background includes work as Activities Coordinator at the Humboldt Senior Resource Center and serving as a Long Term Care Ombudsman. She also has extensive fund raising and event planning experience. Kim enjoys comedy, the outdoors, travel and playing soccer. Kim earned a BA in Public Relations from Humboldt State University in 1986.

Abbie Lawrence-Jacobson is the Program Director for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Abbie received her Ph.D. in Social Work and Sociology from the University of Michigan, where she held fellowships from the National Institute on Aging and the Hartford Foundation. Her research focused on intergenerational programming and community action. Prior to coming to her current position at OLLI, she worked as the Director of Older Adult Services at Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw county, where she designed and implemented programs and services to support older adults, including the popular "Patient Partners" medical accompaniment service which won the Association for Jewish Family and Children's Agencies Goodman Award for Innovative Programming. Abbie has published in peer-reviewed journals including "Research on Aging," the "Journal of Gerontological Social Work," and the "Journal of Intergenerational Relationships."
Natalie Lecher is the Manager of the OLLI at the University of Washington. She grew up in Wisconsin where she received her BA in Education and taught elementary school. In 1991, she moved to Washington State with her high school sweetheart and they fell in love with the great Northwest. She earned her Master’s degree from Seattle University and worked in the area of social work and volunteer coordination. After working at Big Sisters and with VISTA/AmeriCorps, she enjoyed working at home as a mother of two boys. She has managed the OLLI-UW program for two and a half years.

Jim Lenburg retired in 2006 after teaching history and humanities at Mars Hill University. In 2008 he began teaching courses at OLLI at UNC Asheville. For the past two years he has served on the Steering Council and this year as chair.

Jerilyn Logue became the program coordinator for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Iowa State University (ISU) in January 2009. In January 2010, she became the Program Manager for the OLLI at ISU program along with managing the ISU Retirees program. OLLI at ISU was previously known as the Iowa State University College for Seniors which began in 1993. This program is an established program of the Iowa State University Alumni Association. Before joining the Alumni Association, Jerilyn worked 22 years for a non-profit agency serving adults with intellectual disabilities and mental illness. Jerilyn has always been a believer in lifelong learning and looks forward to learning something new every day!

Cathy Lowe was elected to the OLLI Board of Directors 2 years after joining the 1,400 member Las Vegas program. She had previously earned a master’s degree in Public Administration, summa cum laude, from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. As an undergraduate, she attended Dominican University in San Rafael, CA., where she majored in English and minored in History/Political Science. Before her retirement in 2009, Cathy served as Chief Judicial Educator for the CA and AZ Supreme Courts, and as a principal grant writer and program director for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Jack Lynch serves on the OLLI Advisory Board at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. He is also a member of the SAGE lecture series committee, twice organized a talent show called The OLLI Follies, organized an OLLI writing tutor program for undergraduates, and started and coordinates the OLLI Wine Tasting Club. For the last six years, Jack has taught courses on cross-cultural line dancing and a variety of courses dealing with language, cognition, and psychology. Prior to joining OLLI, Jack was a research engineer at MIT Lincoln Laboratory after receiving degrees from MIT and a Ph.D. from Stanford University, all in electrical engineering. He was also momentarily on the engineering faculty at Boston University. He retired from engineering to pursue independent studies in cognitive science, resulting in three self-published books. Jack’s other interests include swing dancing, contra dancing, folk singing, rowing, bicycling, walking, wine, and food.

Roger Maclean is the Dean of the School of Extended and Lifelong Learning at the University of Montana and has worked with our OLLI since 2011. I received my B.S. in Management from Purdue University and my M.Ed. and D.Ed. in Adult Education from Penn State University. I previously worked with the Osher Foundation when I was at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Judy Mann is director of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Northwestern University’s School of Continuing Studies. OLLI offers an intellectually challenging peer-led educational and social program on Northwestern’s Evanston and Chicago campuses. Prior to becoming OLLI’s director in October, 2006, Judy worked at Council for Jewish Elderly (renamed CJE SeniorLife) for 12 years. As director of consumer education, Judy developed educational programs for older adults and family caregivers and played a
critical role in CJE Board development and board relations. Judy received her MBA from Loyola University, Chicago and her MSW from the University of Illinois, Champaign, IL.

**Francine Marasco** is a founding member of Xplorations and Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) at the University of Alabama and served as curriculum chair from 2006-2012. She is now serving as President of the 1200 member organization. She received her B.A. in History and Spanish from Marquette University and M.A. in Spanish Languages and Literature from National Autonomous University of Mexico. She earned an Ed S. Specialist in Education Administration and Ph.D. in Administration and Higher Education both from the University of Alabama. For more than 20 years, Francine worked in administration and teaching in higher education in Mexico, California and Alabama. She has had extensive experience in curriculum writing and program development, faculty recruitment, management of non-credit community courses and of major conferences. Francine is a successful businesswoman and currently is president of Salon Studios, Inc. She also was president of Pavmar, Inc. a childcare management corporation for a decade. Her volunteer work includes serving on the board of OLLI and serving as the community representative for The University of Alabama’s International Education committee. She also served as a board member of Turning Point for fifteen years. Her family, consisting of three children, their spouses and five grandchildren, traveling as frequently as possible and collecting art are her passions.

**John Mason** received a bachelor’s degree in English from Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania. He then moved to England where he earned a PhD in History at the University of Birmingham and taught adults for 25 years at England’s largest higher education institution, The Open University. His main area of research interest has been in 20th century central European History; in the late 1990s he lived and taught in the post-Soviet countries of Slovakia, Hungary and Armenia. Now retired, John has begun a second career as a stone sculptor. But his passion for teaching and learning from mature students continues; he feels privileged to teach Olli courses in both Staunton and Charlottesville. In his own words, “Olli offers a unique service to our society -- a forum for sharing our thoughts, feelings and experiences in a more meaningful way.

**Georgianne Mastera** became an OLLI member in 2008 after retiring from her position as Interim Provost at Nebraska Wesleyan University. She serves as Chair of the History Subcommittee and is currently Vice-Chair of the OLLI at UNL Advisory Council. Her professional career has always focused on education. She has been a teacher or administrator in a broad spectrum of educational environments—high school, community college, large research university, and small liberal arts college. Her Ph.D. in Administration, Curriculum, and Instruction is from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She serves on a variety of Lincoln-area boards and adds richness to her environment by reading and traveling. She and her husband have two grown children who happen to live in places that encourage family travel.

**Steve McAdams** joined California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) as a program administrator at the Palm Desert campus in 2005. He is responsible for developing and maintaining Osher’s educational programs. Currently, half of his efforts are spent with Osher and the other half of his time he provides outreach for the Palm Desert Campus Theater and special events. Prior to CSUSB, McAdams was the assistant director of Inland Empire Small Business Development Center in Riverside, overseeing training programs and business consulting services. He has also developed employee-training programs for businesses in Los Angeles and continuing education courses for Allegany College in Maryland. McAdams earned his MBA from Frostberg State University in Maryland and his BA from Colorado
College in Colorado. McAdams has lived in the Greater Palm Springs area for 15 years with his husband and their two dogs, a Bichon Frise and an English pointer mix.

**Bill McCann** is the newly elected President of the Governing Council of OLLI Central Oregon, sponsored by the University of Oregon. He spent 27 years in the transportation industry in an executive capacity. He has a BA in economics from Benedictine College, Atchison Kansas and has completed the Executive Program for Business Administration at Columbia University. In retirement, Bill spent a number of years as an Employer Trustee for a Labor-Management pension fund, with assets of over $800 million dollars. He was also Chair of the Sunriver, Oregon Library Advisory Board, and PAC treasurer for the county-wide bond initiative to establish the Deschutes County Library System. As a volunteer for the American Red Cross in disaster services, Bill acts as a Government Liaison and also makes preparedness presentations to businesses and individual groups. When not attending OLLI courses in his home town of Bend, he enjoys playing golf and touring the Western US in his motorhome with his wife of 52 years.

**Connie McCluskey** has been an active OLLI member at West Virginia University since 2007 and a member of the Board of Directors twice for a total of five years, serving two years as Secretary and currently one as Treasurer. She is also on the Finance Committee, the $100K Committee, the 20th Anniversary Committee, the Curriculum Committee and the Catalog sub-committee, and has chaired the Office Volunteers’ Committee. Before retiring, Connie was a banker (mostly in administration) for 20 years, then Managing Editor of the journal "Archaeoastronomy" in England and Morgantown, WV, for five years, and among various other previous jobs, Assistant Production Editor of the journal "Ekistics" in Athens, Greece.

**Lois McCue** has been the curriculum chair for the Hilton Head Island division of OLLI at the University of South Carolina Beaufort since 2004. She also serves as a member of the Board of Governors for the Country Club of Hilton Head and is a member of the St. Francis School Board. Lois is a retired NJ educator having taught for over thirty years. She is also the former Vice-President and President of the College of New Jersey Alumni Association, an organization of over 44,000 members where she was named an Alumni Emeritus, one of only eight in the history of the college. She received her BA in Elementary Education and her Master's in Supervision and Administration from the College of New Jersey.


**Tony Meluskey**, a member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Widener University outside Philadelphia, PA, has been working with the chapter since 2010. He is currently a member of the Advisory Board, chair of the Fund Raising Committee, and moderator of a class in Current Events. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in physics from West Chester University and a master’s degree in computer science from Villanova University. Tony recently completed a four year term as president of his local home owners’ association. Tony is married with three children and five grandchildren. He retired in 2009 from a 42 year career as a software engineer and project/program manager. He is a life-long Phillies fan.

**Linda Mercuri Fischbach** has a doctorate in counselor education. She is currently the Director of Clinical Services at Family Services in Dayton, OH. Linda has 32 years experience as an agency director, adjunct
professor and licensed therapist in the field of mental health. Linda is the Advisory Board President of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Dayton. She has been a class moderator there since 2007. Linda is married with six children and eight grandchildren. Her hobbies include writing a novel about coal-mining in the 1920’s, cooking Italian specialties, gardening, traveling and entertaining grandkids.

**Gregory A. Meyer**  

**Christina Miller** was born in the Netherlands. Came to the US (California) in 1962 at age 20 and learned to speak English. Went to college and earned a teaching credential at the University of California in Riverside while raising my 3 children and being a Girl Scout leader, foster parent, and community activist. Started teaching after graduation in my 40s, elementary school and Middle School science and math. My volunteer activities are hospice, church choir, neighborhood organization, ushering at the local theater, being president of the local chapter of the American Sewing Guild, and president-elect of the local Osher program. I am passionate about education and life-long learning, travel, reading, outdoors activities, yoga, needlework, sewing, beading, astronomy, gardening and theater. I have been an Osher member for 12 years and find the stimulation and inspiration extremely rewarding. Attending classes and lectures provides mental stimulation, social interaction, and physical activity because I try to walk to most meetings. It makes me healthy and energized which enables me to be a contributing member of society and serves my goal of making it to 96 years of age in good mental and physical health.

**Julie L. Mitchell** is the Director for Special Programs and Continuing Education at the University of Dayton. She has been involved with programming for senior adults since 1988 and Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute since it began in 1994. As Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UD, she works with an 18 member Board of Advisors, eight Board Consultants and seven standing committees to serve 2200 OLLI members annually. Julie is a graduate of the University of Dayton with a B.A. in Communication and an M.S. in Counseling. In addition to programming for senior adults, she has a special interest in working with adults who are making plans to return to school, as well as developing professional non-credit opportunities for people of all ages. Julie lives in Lebanon, Ohio with her husband Jeff and their three children.

**Scott Moore** is Dean of the Division of Continuing and Global Education, and Professor of Communication. Previously, he served the university as the Interim Chair to the Department of Philosophy and as President of the Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi. He is active in providing educational opportunity to Veterans, and members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. A first-generation college student, Dean Moore was named the TW Adams Distinguished Alumni Lecturer by his alma mater the University of Oklahoma in 2010. He continues to publish in the area of Health, Risk & Crisis Communication as well as Extended Education’s role reducing institutional bottlenecks and facilitating educational access to historically underrepresented groups.
Emily Moore, Director of OLLI at San Diego State University (SDSU), began working with the Institute in May 2013. Though relatively new to the OLLI family, Emily has served as program director at SDSU’s College of Extended Studies for four years and has worked in the education field for 15 years. Her prior positions have included teaching in SDSU’s English and Comparative Literature Department and in the Rhetoric and Writing Studies Department, as well as serving as Grossmont Union High School District’s instructional support technician. A dedicated lifelong learner, Emily received her M.A. in English with a concentration in Young Adult and Children’s Literature from SDSU, her B.A. in English with an emphasis in Communication and Media Studies from National University, and a graduate-level Advanced Certificate in Instructional Design from SDSU. Emily and her husband, Mike, have a two-year-old daughter, Anastasia, and are expecting a baby boy this August.

Sue Moore, I have recently retired from a 38-year banking career. I graduated from Baylor University with a Mass Communications degree. With print media being my love, my first job out of college was with the local newspaper. I am now enjoying retirement with my husband.

Jon C. Neidy serves as the Interim Executive Director for the Smith Career Center at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. In July of 2013 he left his role as administrator for OLLI at BU. In cooperation with the OLLI Executive Committee he provided direction to the program and acted as its champion throughout the campus and local community. He taught computer classes for OLLI and has recently provided workshops for study group facilitators which focus on establishing a learning community among the participants, constructing a group plan, and asking well-crafted questions. Jon has facilitated a study group titled, Exploring Your Deep Ancestry, in which the members participated in the National Geographic Genographic Project. In addition he teaches an undergraduate class to pre-service teachers, serves on the boards of two community organizations, and is a member of the local United Way awards committee. Jon holds an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education, a Master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction, a Certificate in Gerontology, and is currently pursuing a PhD in Higher Education Administration.

Don Nicholson began with the Montana Extension Service in 1978. He was raised as a 4-H member on a family dairy farm in extreme western Montana. He and his family moved to Missouri in 1988 after working as County Agent with Montana Extension for 10 years. He served as a 4-H Youth Development Specialist with responsibilities for four counties in the northeast corner of Missouri 1988-2013. As part of his duties, he served as Site Coordinator for the Missouri Youth Initiative; Missouri Extension Leadership Development (MELD) Academy coordinator and team member and; Missouri Extension Team Developer. Beginning in early 2013, he accepted responsibilities as a Transition Team Leader for MU Extension, with special emphasis on Team Development. Don earned a Bachelor’s degree in Agriculture Education from Montana State University, and a Masters degree in Adult & Community Education from Montana State University.

Ann Nikolai is Program Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at CSU, Chico since 2012 and has dedicated more than 20 years to promoting educational opportunities to non-traditional populations. She earned her Master in Public Administration at San Francisco State University in 2003 and attended the Institute of Educational Management at Harvard University in 2001. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in African American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ronald Noyes, PhD, agricultural engineer, served faculties of Purdue University (1964-68) and Oklahoma State University (1985-2004); 1968-85 he was Chief Engineer/Vice-President, Beard Industries, a grain
dryer manufacturer. Since 1998, he’s served as U.S. Member, Controlled Atmospheres and Fumigation (CAF) Conferences, International. Ron co-edited ‘Mechanics and Physics of Modern Grain Aeration Management’, CRC Press, 650 p, 2002. Since 2001, as U.S. Collaborator, Science and Technology Center, Ukraine (STCU), a State Department/USAID nonproliferation program, Ron’s former Soviet weapons scientists received three STCU R&D grants, developing low-cost all-electric grain/seed driers for developing countries. In February 2014, as Fulbright Specialist, Grain Storage, he lectured three weeks at NIFTEM, Delhi, India, developing/teaching the M.S. degree course - "Bulk Grain Quality Management". He’s collaborating with leaders to reduce India's 30-40% grain losses by switching from 98% bagged grain to silos. A member of OLLI@OSU Board of Directors, Ron teaches OLLI “Great Decisions” and “Basic Bridge” classes.

Sherri Nussbaum grew up in Orange County and majored in Theater Arts and Elementary Education at Long Beach State. She left Western Digital after a 25-year career in Marketing and Sales Operations, and claims the best part of the job was meeting her husband Marc. She helped grow Irvine based Western Digital from a small company into one of the world's largest technology producers. Sherri held executive jobs in Marketing and loved talking to the press and leading the definition of new hard drive products such as My Book and Passport external hard drives. She and Marc recently launched Audible Rush, an Irvine based provider of music systems for bicycles. They have a son who is studying to take the patent bar. She loves to cook, drink wine, and visit with family and friends. In addition to the new business, OLLI classes and her job as OLLI@UCI's Treasurer, she fills her life with volunteer activities with the Mental Health Association, travelling, and regularly going to the gym. Sherri loves the opportunity OLLI provides to pursue intellectual interests without the burden of traditional schoolwork.

Cate O’Hara became Program Director of OLLI at the University of Cincinnati in January 2013 after nearly 25 years at the Taft Museum of Art, where she worked in various roles including public relations, marketing, editing, and adult and family education. An active community volunteer, she currently serves on the board of Friends of the William Howard Taft National Historic Site and has held leadership positions on the boards of Chamber Music Network of Greater Cincinnati, Enjoy the Arts, Cincinnati Artists Group Effort, and Cincinnati Waldorf School. She holds an MA in English from the University of California at Berkeley and BA in English and French from Illinois State University. She enjoys writing, reading, and the arts in all their forms, nature, community, and lifelong learning. Working for OLLI fulfills her dream of working at a University—without having to grade papers!

Virginia O’Leary is a member of the OLLI at Auburn Board of Directors. She currently serves as Secretary to the Board and Chair of the Development Committee. She has taught a variety of courses OLLI courses, including Highs and Lows in the Himalayas a survey of the history, art, culture and politics of Nepal, where she was a Fulbright Scholar in 2005. A social psychologist who specialized in women and work during the first 20 years of her career, she later turned her attention to the study of resilience and thriving in the face of adversity and has recently taught OLLI courses on gender and on resilience in the face of loss. A graduate of Chatham College for Women, she holds an MS and a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Wayne State University.

Kevin (Ann) Oltjenbruns has served as the Co-Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Colorado State University since its inception in 2007. During that time, primary responsibilities have been to work with Curriculum Committee Volunteers to plan a wide variety of courses and also the Osher Plus Committee to plan various “out-of-classroom” experiences, including welcome receptions,
fundraising activities and field trips. Prior to that she was a long-time faculty member (31 years) in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Colorado State University where she served as Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies for three years prior to her retirement in June 2005. She served in many other administrative roles at the University, including many years as Associate Dean in the College of Applied Human Sciences. Kevin’s research and teaching focus was in the area of grief and loss.

**Treasure Omdahl**, who serves on the Leadership Council, and her husband, Roger, have been card-carrying members of Olli since 2008. Ollie classes are just what she was hoping to find in 2007 when they retired close to her alma mater, the University of North Dakota. They also spend winters in warmer climates where they can find Olli. Besides being a lifelong learner, Treasure worked as Director of Volunteers and Bereavement in a hospice in Washington State.

**Helen Oppenheim** is a graduate of Cornell University and has been a member of OLLI at the University of Washington since the program began there in 2006. She moved to Seattle from Massachusetts where she was involved with senior adult educational programs at four different colleges in the Greater Boston area. Her main focus at UW OLLI is the monthly Lunch and Learn Program. Members bring a brown-bag lunch at noon and listen to a talk given by a faculty member or prominent community leader, followed by a discussion period. Guests are invited to these talks and eventually become OLLI members themselves because of this delicious way of nourishing one's brain along with one's body.

**Y. R. (Ron) Osajima** was born and raised in southern California. He lived most of his childhood years in the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles. He received his Bachelors in Math from UCLA, and his MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. For most of his work-life, he was an application systems development manager in such diverse industries as aerospace, military command and control, healthcare, criminal justice, telecommunications and staffing. He also managed a small ($22 million) business unit and, in his last seven years prior to retirement, he was the Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Volt Information Sciences, a $2 billion company principally engaged in telecommunications and staffing. Ron joined OLLI in 2006 and currently leads the OLLI – CSUF Collaboration effort.

**Roberta M. Palmer** began her encore career as the Membership Services Director at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Rhode Island in September of 2013. Before joining OLLI, Roberta had an extensive career in both the non-profit sector and private industry. She holds a B.S. degree in Community, Leadership and Development from Springfield College. Her experience working with the YMCA, Pfizer, Home & Hospice Care of RI, along with her involvement in many volunteer positions is a welcome asset to the growing membership at OLLI at the University of Rhode Island. She is an accomplished trainer and group facilitator with a proven track record of success in partnering with volunteers to introduce new initiatives and best practices.

**Sheila Pantlind** has been co-director/director of OLLI at Aquinas since 2009. Sheila spent over 32 years as a teacher and administrator at one of the top schools in the country, East Grand Rapids High School in Michigan. Missing the joy of learning, Sheila left a brief retirement to become principal and oversight director of a K-10 inner city school in the heart of Muskegon, Michigan. Sheila also in her career worked at the Washington Post newspaper and the University of Michigan. She received a BA and MA from the University of Michigan in English and Communication and an MA in Educational Leadership from Michigan State University.
Steven Parkhurst is the present Vice Chair of the Advisory Board of Osher Life Long Learning at Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan. He became a member of the Advisory Board after being a Member at Large and serving on the Curriculum Committee. Steven has a Bachelor of Science (Biology) SVSU ’78 and a Master of Arts (Humanities) CMU ’02. He retired from The Dow Chemical Company; Corporate Environmental, Health and Safety Regulatory Office after 37 years with the company. Steven facilitates literature, film and art classes for OLLI, and serves on the Advisory Board. He also draws in graphite and paints in mixed media, (shows include the Governor’s Mansion in Lansing, Mi., one man show in Midland (Café Milano) and various shows at the Midland Center for the Arts). He also enjoys sailing, motorcycle riding, reading, watching off beat films and visiting with grandchildren.

Jim Peters received a bachelor’s degree in government from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and a law degree from the New England School of Law in Boston. After practicing law for several years in his hometown of Quincy, Illinois, Jim moved to Washington, D.C. where he turned to writing and publishing. In 1986, he published “Arlington National Cemetery: Shrine to America’s Heroes.” The book is now in its third edition and has remained the cemetery’s best-selling book on Arlington Cemetery for more than 25 years. After two decades in publishing and marketing, Jim joined the University of Kansas in 2005 as director of marketing for KU Continuing Education. In 2008 he was named director of professional programs and communications for KUCE. And in 2012 was appointed director of KU’s Osher Institute. He also teaches OLLI courses on Arlington Cemetery and Harry Truman.

Patrick Piscitelli serves as a Program Coordinator for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Oklahoma. As program coordinator, Piscitelli operates current OLLI semesters by scheduling classes, reserving classrooms, communicating with faculty, and executing the logistical aspects of the program. He also recruits new faculty and helps ensure that courses are original, enlightening, and engaging for future semesters. Recently, he played an integral role in expanding OLLI to OU’s Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, with hopes of increasing membership to 1000 and more within the next year. Piscitelli is from Charlotte, North Carolina. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Human Relations and a Master’s degree with an organizational focus in Human Relations. Both degrees are from the University of Oklahoma. During his education, Piscitelli was a member of the men’s gymnastics team and earned several awards; one of which was the All-American honor.

Vicki Pollock Hard to believe our program is starting its eighth year! Vicki has been the program director the entire time. Every day is a new, fun experience with OLLI. She learns something new all the time. This year’s highlights: Music Cities Trip, Madeira tasting, seeing the Barber of Seville in Central City, CO, stocking fish with Wyoming Game and Fish, visiting a goat farm, digging for fossils, beer school, and panning for gold. First most important thing learned this year: Don't burn toast in the teaching kitchen. Second most important thing learned this year: The Casper Fire Department response time - about 7 minutes.

Craig Rebello is a citizen of India who was born and raised in Kuwait (The Middle East). He came to Fresno State after graduating high school to pursue his bachelors in business entrepreneurship. After graduating from Fresno State he was offered a full time position at the University Business Center as an event planner. Since October 2011, he has been planning and managing the Osher Lifelong Learning program at Fresno State.

Rosemary Reinhardt has been the director for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Boise State University since January 2013. Previously she worked for six years as special assistant to the president of
Boise State during which time she was assigned a variety of duties, and leading departments in transition. These included serving as interim executive director for the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts and as interim vice president for University Advancement. Rosemary has nearly 20 years of administrative experience, including positions at Arizona State University, Macomb Community College, Wayne State University and the University of Denver. Before joining Boise State, she worked for the Idaho Shakespeare Festival and the Saint Alphonsus Hospital Foundation. She has a degree in Theatre Arts from the University of Idaho and a master’s degree in arts management from Wayne State University, Detroit.

**Mark Reisler** is Vice President and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Florida Atlantic University Jupiter Lifelong Learning Society Advisory Board. He is Associate Professor Emeritus and Associate Dean for Administration and CFO (ret.) at the Darden Graduate Business School, University of Virginia. He received a Ph.D. from Cornell University, where he was a Herbert Lehman Fellow in Public Affairs. He holds a BA from the University of Rochester and an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University. He previously served as Chair of the Jefferson Area Board for Aging, Charlottesville, Virginia and Chair of the City of Richmond, Virginia Youth Services Commission. He is the author of "By the Sweat of Their Brow: Mexican Immigrant Labor in the United States, 1900-1940" and "Darden, a Pictorial History of the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business Administration" as well as numerous articles and reviews in scholarly journals.

**Sandra T. Richards, M. P. S., Human Relations** is the Director, Science, Law and Humanities Programs and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of California Riverside Extension. I have over 27 years of experience providing leadership and direction in program development and management of professional development training programs and personal enrichment courses. I have been the Director of UCR’s Osher program for the last 7 years and I thoroughly enjoy sharing a love for learning with our members. My love for learning can be traced to my early years growing up on the island country of Trinidad & Tobago. I was an avid learner then and the Osher program introduced me with a vibrant community of lifelong learners whose lives continue to be enriched by the learning experiences the program offers.

**Della Richardson** was single mother when she became an adult re-entry student. She received her bachelor’s degree in Public Relations from the University of the Pacific when she was 46 years old. Later she would retire from Pacific as their Adult Education Coordinator. The job was a perfect fit; she knew the challenges of adult education and related to her students, their success was her success. She continued with lifelong learning as a member of the University’s program called Pacific Experience in 1997 and then continued when it became OLLI@Pacific. She has served on the Advisory Board at OLLI@Pacific for four years and is currently their Chairwoman. Della is involved in her Community and has served on several boards and as president of several non-profits. In 2012, her volunteerism was recognized with the Susan B. Anthony Award and she was recently named Networker of the Year by the Stockton Women’s Network.

**Michelle Riggio** serves as the Interim Director of OLLI at Bradley University, where she also serves as the Interim Assistant Director of Continuing Education and Professional Development. In cooperation with the Executive Committee, she administers all aspects of the program and serves as liaison throughout the campus and local community. She holds undergraduate degrees in Journalism and Special Education
and recently earned a Masters Degree in Special Education. Prior to her appointment as Interim Director, she served as Program Director, greatly expanding the scope and scale of OLLI's Learning Trips.

**Charlene Ripke** has been a member of Boise State's OLLI since its inception and a member of the advisory board for 3 years currently serving as chair-elect. She worked approximately 20 years in the real estate, mortgage banking and banking industries and has spent about the same amount of time as a community volunteer. She also retired from 22 years of service in the Air National Guard. Having received both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Boise State, it is especially rewarding to continue life-long learning through the OLLI program and to be a part of the program's continued growth and development.

**Sheila Rocker Heppe** has had the pleasure to serve as Director of Extended Education & OLLI at Humboldt State University on the north coast of California since 2010. Prior to joining the team at OLLI, she spent fourteen years as faculty member and coordinator of secondary education in the School of Education at HSU after a decade-long career as a middle school teacher. Sheila earned her teaching credentials and BA degrees in English and Psychology from the University of California at Davis and MA in Counseling Psychology from the University of San Francisco. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Educational Leadership: Higher Education Administration at UC Davis. She serves as board member for the North Coast Children’s Services and Area 1 Agency on Aging. Sheila lives and thrives in Humboldt County with her husband Chris where they are experiencing the joys of watching their two teens grow into adults.

**Aracelis (Ara) Rogers** has worked in older adult education since 1994. After a career in bookselling, she started graduate school intending to return to the business world as a manager of training and development. A graduate assistantship with the recently-formed Learning in Retirement Institute at the University of South Florida (now OLLI-USF) changed her direction. After working at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida as a Medicare educator, Ara returned to direct the programs that become OLLI-USF in 2001. Ara has an M.A. and Ph.D. in Adult Education and is adjunct faculty for the graduate program in Adult Education at USF. She is an active volunteer in her community, currently serving on the board of the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging and the education committee of the Tampa Bay History Center.

**Wichian Rojanawon** is the founder and Director of OLLI at University of Massachusetts Boston. He has extensive experience in working with older adults in many capacities—from home care case management to planning, policy, and administration. Prior to coming to UMass Boston in 1994, Wichian received a B.A. in Public Administration from Thammasat University in Thailand and a Master’s Degree in International Administration from the School for International Living (SIT), Vermont. He also received a Master of Social Work (MSW) and Ph.D. in Gerontology from Boston College Graduate School of Social Work.

**Michael Roller** Mike brings over forty years of Marketing and Senior Executive business experience to his role as incoming President of the Board of Directors at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee’s Osher Life Long Learning Institute. He also brings seventy plus years of experiences as an active and well-traveled life long learner. Mike joined the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee organization in 2011, joined its Board of Directors as Chair of its Public Relations Committee in 2012 and was elected Board President in 2013. In addition to a growing involvement with Osher Life Long Learning Institute initiatives, Mike continues to advise business executives on marketing and general management
matters. Mike earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1967 and lives in Cedarburg Wisconsin.

**Bob Ross** is serving as President of the Corporate Board of OLLI at the University of Arizona (OLLI – UA). He previously served as Vice – Chair, Chair, and Corporate Board Representative on the Tucson Campus Council. As President Bob works the 3 OLLI–UA campuses: Tucson, Green Valley, and Northwest Tucson. In addition Bob is assisting in a startup campus in Southeast Tucson. Bob graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1961 and served in the US Navy for 20 years. Upon retirement he joined General Dynamics marketing in San Diego. He moved to Tucson when GD was bought by Hughes Aircraft Company. Raytheon purchased HAC and Bob remained in Tucson to manage the proposal center. Bob has presented OLLI classes in WWI & WWII naval history, ancient Greece, piracy, literature, military intelligence, and political biography.

**Dr. Jerrold W. Roy**, Dean of University College at Hampton University, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois State University, his Master of Arts from Hampton University and his Master and Doctorate in Higher Education Administration From Harvard University. During his twenty-two years at Hampton University, Dr. Roy has served as the Interim Assistant Dean in the School of Liberal Arts and Education, Assistant Dean for Administration for the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communication, Chair of the Department of Education and Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, in the School of Education and Human Development. Among his current responsibilities, Dr. Roy oversees the Accelerated Evening Program, Hampton University Online and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Lifelong learning has been the mantra of Dr. Roy’s career. He has played an active role in the education of kids as young as two years old and adults that are over the age of sixty. An Army veteran, Dr. Roy is originally from Chicago.

**Michelle Runyon** I was first introduced to the OLLI Central at DU team 4 years ago, supporting the facilitators and their classes at one of the locations where classes were held. I joined the OLLI Team in February, 2013 as the Facilitator Coordinator and then in June 2014, became the OLLI Central Manager. I have been in the Administrative/Management Field for 30 years in various capacities which include Facilities Management, Event Coordination and a stint with an NGO, World Vision working with their International Disaster Relief Support Team. On a personal, a note, I married my high school sweetheart, have 3 beautiful daughters and 3 incredible grand daughters.

**Cynthia Rylant** After 40 years in education – 30 as a high school media specialist and 10 as a technology trainer – Cynthia retired at the end of July 2009. She immediately went looking for lifelong learning opportunities and found OLLI at the University of North Florida and became a member of their book club. Since then she has taken more than 100 classes and served in various volunteer capacities including Special Events Coordinator and team leader for the Member Relations Team. She is currently President-elect and will take over as President at the end of May 2014. An avid lifelong learner and reader she also enjoys the symphony, watching the birds and animals in her backyard, photography, gardening with native plants and a glass of good wine – and she has been able to explore all of these interests, and more, with OLLI.

**Andrea Saade** is the Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Santa Clara University (SCU) in Northern California. Andrea is originally from Southern California and a graduate of Cal State Long Beach, where she earned her Bachelors degree in Applied Psychology. She moved to Northern California for an employment opportunity back in the late 80’s and has never left the area. She spent the
majority of her career in the high tech industry working for a large computer company for 20 years in Silicon Valley before she undertook her next career change into higher education. She has been with Santa Clara for eight years, most of which were working with the head dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, then onto Program Coordinator for OLLI and eventually working her way up to Director. Andrea is an avid outdoors person, has two grown boys at UCSB (Santa Barbara) and enjoys her work with OLLI members.

Kathy Sangster has enjoyed a rich variety of volunteer community jobs and has worked for pay as a public affairs consultant, a grocer, a rehabilitation therapist, and now as Sr. Program Coordinator for five programs that comprise UT OLLI at The University of Texas at Austin. She grew up in Boston and Houston and is known as Honey to 3 grown children and 2 preteen grandchildren. She holds a BA in Psychology, a post-grad degree in Occupational Therapy, and an MPA in Public Affairs. Her current passions are birding, meditation, opera, time with friends, and the out of doors. When she has more time, she will be a fly rod toting traveler.

Tom Santee, Director of OLLI at Eckerd College, has worked with international students and lifelong learners on the Eckerd College campus since 1979.

Donna Satir, owned and operated two Fiber Arts Studio/Stores in the 70’s and early 80’s and one bookstore. During that time she was a fiber artist doing commission work for interior decorators and architects. After her retail and commission careers, over the next 35 years she owned and operated and was project manager for Satir Plumbing and Heating, Inc., a 65 year old construction company in Center City Philadelphia. Donna has been an active volunteer her whole life. Most recently she is the Director of OLLI at Temple’s Fundraising program, which has raised more money in any year since the program began in 1975.

Martha Scanlon is currently President of OLLI at George Mason University. She has a BA in Mathematics from Duke University and an MA in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to retirement, she was Deputy Associate Director of the Research Division at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System where she specialized in economic analysis of financial markets and monetary policy issues. During her 30-year tenure at the Fed, she served on the Presidential Working Group on Financial Markets (1990-1991), participated as a representative of the Board in meetings of the Committee on Financial Markets at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and served as a liaison to agencies on issues related to small business finance. Since retiring in 2002, she has been an active member of OLLI. Martha is married to Bill Scanlon, also an economist, and they have two grown children.

Nancy Schlenke has been an active member of the San Francisco State University sponsored OLLI since retirement three-and-a-half years ago. She grew up living the nomad life of a Navy brat, but found her permanent home in San Francisco shortly after college. She had a varied career, working in a research lab at the University of California in SF, volunteering as a docent with the San Francisco Zoo’s Zoomobile program taking animals into the local schools, becoming an elementary school teacher, a District-wide science resource teacher, a teacher-in-residence at the Exploratorium science/art/perception museum, and eventually becoming the principal of a local elementary school. Feeling a bit adrift after retirement from the long hours and very busy days of a principal, I was thrilled to find OLLI with its attendant mental stimulation of classes and activities and a whole new world of friends.
Phillip Schwartz has been an Institute member for ten years, the last three on the Board of Directors and as Chair of the Board during the current year. He has led the effort to diversify the Institute's investment portfolio to keep pace with inflation and to have the Institute's financial records reviewed by independent CPAs. He has chaired the Nominating Committee and led many current affairs study groups. He also volunteers at the Maryland District Court as a mediator and is the proud recipient of two gold medals and two silver medals at the Maryland Senior Olympics in the 1500 meters track event. He and his wife, Lyn Peters, live in Rockville, Maryland, and regularly attend Washington Nationals baseball games. Go Nats!

Karl Sedlarz joined OLLI in 2006 and currently serves as its President, after several years as Chairman of its Administration and Finance Committee. He is a former (1959/60) Fulbright Scholar and holds a PhD in Economics from Univ. Stuttgart-Hohenheim in Germany.

Elizabeth Selkowitz As chair of the Arts Curriculum Committee for OLLI at Berkshire Community College, Betsey cherishes new and renewed relationships with professors, artists, musicians, craftspeople, farmers and entrepreneurs of the culturally and academically rich Berkshire County. She has served on and chaired art arts, education and human service boards – ranging from museum and orchestra associations to family planning, United Way and community foundations - raising funds for most of them. She has relished the diverse offerings of the Berkshires and has been determined to see that they continue to flourish. Betsey often consults with area non-profits on fundraising and governance matters. Betsey graduated from Syracuse University with a BA in English. Married to Mark with two sons who live in Jackson, Wyoming, Betsey especially enjoys gardening and studying history. Once an avid golfer Betsey now plays tennis several days a week.

Dr. Mary Kay Shartle Galotto has spent her entire professional career dedicated to education. In 2009 Dr. Shartle Galotto retired from her post as Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Services at Montgomery College and in April was honored by the Maryland Daily Record as one of the state’s Top 100 Women. In her role as the Executive Vice President, she served as the Chief Academic Officer for the largest community college in the state of Maryland, with a 60,000 student enrollment. Previously, she led the College’s 14,000-student Rockville Campus as the Vice President and Provost. Dr. Shartle Galotto is presently serving as the Director of the Osher Life Long Learning program at Johns Hopkins University. Osher at JHU has three campuses and over 1,200 members from Montgomery County, Baltimore and Columbia, Maryland. Dr. Shartle-Galotto earned a Ph.D. in counseling and development from American University; an M.Ed. in special education from George Washington University; an M.L.A. in liberal arts from Johns Hopkins University, and an A.B. in English from the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland.

Roz Shaw graduated from Brooklyn College and has a Master’s Degree, and a Certificate of School District Administrator from the State University of New York at New Paltz. She taught elementary school students in the Middletown, NY School District, and served as an Adjunct Associate Professor at the State University of New York at New Paltz. Upon her retirement from teaching she became the Newspaper in Education Coordinator for the Times Herald Record newspaper. Upon her move to New Jersey, Roz became involved in many volunteer activities. She served as president of the Rotary Club of New Brunswick and is currently its secretary. She was president of the Friends of the North Brunswick Library for three years. At present, she is the president of the Makhelat HaMercaz Jewish Choir of Central New Jersey and is currently Chairperson of the OLLI-RU Advisory Council . For the last eleven
years Roz and her husband Steve have been co-teaching film courses for OLLI-RU. This semester they are teaching four courses at two different sites.

Joseph (Joe) Shirk is President-Elect of the Board of Directors of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa. Joe has also served as Vice President and Treasurer of the board. He is an amateur watercolorist, photographer and videographer and frequently documents the activities of the Osher Program @ CMU. In his business life he worked in marketing & sales research, product marketing and category sales management for the Stokely, Van Camp’s, Gatorade and Quaker Oats brands. Joe holds a BS degree in Industrial Economic from the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University.

Linda Shook serves as the Director of OLLI at Auburn University. Prior to joining OLLI at Auburn in 2008, she worked with non-profit organizations. She has many years of experience in volunteer management. Active in the community, she serves on the Board of Lee County Habitat for Humanity and as a Board member for the East Alabama League of Women Voters. Linda earned a M.Ed. in Adult Education from Auburn University and BA in Public Relations with a minor in Human Resource Management from The University of Alabama. She enjoys working with lifelong learners, sports, current events, and travel.

Michelle Sierpina, PhD, Founding Director of OLLI at UTMB Health in Galveston, Texas, serves as adjunct faculty in UTMB’s School of Nursing. Beginning her work in gerontology in the 1960s. She has developed a series of lifestory writing a sharing group modalities which have been the focus of three doctoral dissertations and nationally published peer-reviewed journal articles. Dr. Sierpina is a member of UTMB’s Academy of Master Teachers and is a Distinguished Teaching Professor in the University of Texas System. She has taught at UT Houston Center on Aging, University of Nevada, Reno, St. George’s Medical University, Grenada, and at conferences around the nation and in Australia, as well as UTMB’s Institute for the Medical Humanities and School of Nursing Graduate Program. Michelle has published peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on topics in gerontology, spirituality, and creativity in elders. She and her husband Victor have four children and three grandchildren.

RuthAnn McCarthy Sirbaugh has been with OLLI @ Oklahoma State University since its inception, serving initially as a volunteer liaison with the College of Education and then accepting the position as director of the program. Sirbaugh has been involved in the educational arena for over 20 years in various capacities: teaching, academic advising, tutorial center owner, curriculum writer, course development specialist, and academic enrichment camp director. RuthAnn particularly enjoys her work with the OLLI curriculum committees….working on new course ideas and teaching formats. Sirbaugh serves on several nonprofit boards in the Stillwater area.

Andréa Sisino was born in Detroit, Michigan and attended the University of Arizona and University of South Florida as a scholarship athlete. After graduation, Andréa spent many years working for YMCA International. Prior to South Carolina Ms. Sisino was Executive Director of a sport management organization that implemented statewide programs and events. She is also a seasoned adjunct college instructor having taught business courses in business management & marketing. Andréa served on numerous state committees of the legislature and is a graduate of the Vermont senior leadership program.

Mildred Smith is the Volunteer Coordinator of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UTMB Health in Galveston, Texas. She joined the OLLL team in October 2013 with 30 years of experience in Human
Resource, employee recruitment and employee relations in the health care industry. A lifelong learner herself, she enjoys being able to assist instructors with classroom setup. In addition, she processes registration, welcomes new members, greets visiting medical students and medical residents, and coordinates the enrollment of new Volunteers of Osher Lifelong Institute (VOLLIs). She is looking forward to gaining additional knowledge at this conference that will assist her as she continues to recruit and coordinate orientation events for new volunteers.

**Mike Smith** is Executive Director of the OLLI at University of Kentucky (UK) and Assistant Dean for Planning and Evaluation in the College of Public Health. He teaches in the Health Administration Program and serves on UK’s Hospital Ethics Committee. After a first career teaching philosophy and classical humanities to adult learners, he became a hospital administrator for 20 years. He has a Master of Health Administration degree and an MA and PhD in philosophy. Mike enjoys woodturning in his spare time.

**Shari Smith** is the Program Coordinator for OLLI at Sierra College in Northern California. She brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and consistency to OLLI at Sierra College having been with the program since 2004. After graduating from college, she taught first and second grade and also spent several years as an executive assistant for the director of a major software company. Shari is responsible for all of the day-to-day organization and administration of the program from completing registrations, to coordinating Advisory meetings, to building the brochure. She also provides administrative support to the division dean, instructors, and location staff. Shari resides in Roseville, California, with her husband of 24 years and their two sons.

**Dr. John Snibbe** is a retired clinical psychologist who worked in the public mental health sector for over forty years. Emergency psychological services, police psychology and chronic mental illness are his special areas of expertise. He teaches classes on mental illness, psychotherapy, the mental health system and legal & law enforcement issues. He is also facilitates new UCLA OLLI courses on the psychological challenges of aging. He has authored three books and other professional articles. He also serves on the OSHER Advisory Board and Membership Committee at UCLA.

**Jeanette Sobania** I am the President of OLLI-University of Minnesota. I retired from a public sector Human Resources position 4 years ago and have been active in OLLI ever since. I am a natural sciences junkie despite my English Lit and Law background. I love to bicycle and I love to travel. I often combine the two."

**Jan Solomon** Development Officer for the Office of the Vice Provost on the Biscayne Bay Campus of Florida International University. Serves as Ambassador and Community Relations Liaison for the Vice Provost. Manages the Vice Provost's Council which is an active board focused on fundraising for scholarships, mentoring, and outreach to the community. Works closely with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to develop strong working committees for curriculum development, marketing and fundraising for growth and development, and volunteers to work with staff, as well as nurturing social engagement among the members with special events and invitations to all cultural and academic events on campus. Dr. Solomon is married with two children and one grandchild. Graduated from Rice University with a B.A. in Political Science, and from F.I.U. with an M.A. in International Studies and a PhD in International Relations, specializing in women and community development issues.
Eileen Sperl-Hawkins, a native New Yorker, is Member President of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Florida State University (OLLI@FSU), a member since Fall 2002. A working single mother most of her life, Eileen took college courses whenever possible. Although poetry and publishing were not on her bucket list, she was Chair of OLLI@FSU’s Writers Group for nine years. She is a member the Big Bend Poets, the Tallahassee branch of Florida State Poets Association and is a member of Tallahassee Writers Association. Her poems appear in FSPA anthologies and website, the OLLI@FSU anthology LIFE LESSONS and in HEAL Magazine, the March 2013 edition. She received Honorable Mention in the 2012 Penumbra contest for one of her poems. In 2009 Eileen’s first chapbook, LOOK! was published locally. Eileen self-published her second book of poetry, ANOTHER DOOR in 2012. She was Poet-in-Residence at Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center in 2011.

Carolyn Stankiewicz Retired from the Bureau of Homeland Security. Neumann University, B.S., University of DE, M.A. Serves as a member of COUNCIL, member of the Curriculum Committee, Instructor in the physical sciences, CHAIR of Summer Session. Been involved with the OSHER Institute at University of DE since 2005. Hobbies include: Enjoying foreign films, domestic and international travel, and astronomy.

Aleta Staton has directed initiatives at the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, The Arts Council of Greater New Haven, Arts for Learning Connecticut, and ACES Educational Center for the Arts. She has taught or served on education committees of the Elm Shakespeare Company, Long Wharf Theatre, Connecticut Center for Arts and Technology, the Shubert Theatre, The Artist’s Collective, and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Aleta is an Organizational Peer Advisor for the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. She is currently Vice President of the Commission on Cultural and Tourism for the City of New Haven, Vice President of the Heritage Chorale of New Haven, Inc., and Vice President of the Executive Board of the Legacy Theatre of Connecticut. She earned a BA with High Honors in Theatre from Wesleyan University and a MA in Arts Administration from Goucher College. Aleta teaches in the Theatre Department at Quinnipiac University.

Suzanne Steger is delighted to return to the University of Pittsburgh, this time as an OLLI member and Chair of its Curriculum Committee. Thanks to Pitt’s Osher program, Sue enjoys attending a wide variety of informal courses along with an occasional undergraduate course. With its rich ethnic traditions, its strong institutions for higher learning and medicine, as well as its varied palette of cultural attractions and sporting events, Sue considers herself lucky to be a lifelong Pittsburgher. Sue holds a BA in Russian from Pitt and an MBA in Business Computing Science from Texas A&M. After more than 30 years of varied assignments from analysis and programming to large-scale project management, Sue is retired from Alcoa. When she is not in class, Sue enjoys Rails-to-Trails bicycling and any form of needlework.

Sandra Stevenson joined OLLI at the University of Minnesota as Executive Director on Oct. 14, 2013. She holds an M.A. in Public Administration from Hamline University in St. Paul, and a B.A. in English from the University of Minnesota. She was most recently the Adult Enrichment Coordinator with Wayzata Public Schools (9 years) where she produced and delivered non-credit courses and enrichment opportunities, developed and nurtured collaborations, created course and program evaluation tools, and designed and produced course catalogs. Sandra has been married for 22 years and has two children. Her son attends UW Madison and is currently studying in Kenya for spring semester, and her daughter is a high school senior in the throes of selecting a college for next year.
**Bob Stiefel** is the new Recording Secretary for Osher at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore/Columbia campuses, in Baltimore, MD. He is also a teaching assistant for one course per semester and Chair of the Leadership Development Subcommittee. Bob is a retired biomedical engineer. He was Director of Clinical Engineering at Johns Hopkins Hospital and an instructor in the Biomedical Engineering Department at Johns Hopkins University for 21 years, and a consultant to hospitals and manufacturers. He also worked at The Emergency Care Research Institute in Philadelphia, PA, the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, NY and the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. He enjoys the wide variety of courses taught by the excellent instructors in the OLLI at JHU program and particularly enjoys interaction with the other members.

**Michael Stover** is President of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at California State University, Fullerton. In addition to leadership and management responsibilities, he has served as an instructor for eight OLLI-CSUF courses in the social sciences, economics and politics. He currently coordinates classes in “Money News” and “Tales of a Great University” involving the CSUF Provost and college deans. He also served as OLLI-CSUF Vice President, External Relations; Trustee, chair of the facilities expansion planning committee and co-chair of the Transitions in Retirement Curriculum Committee. Until his retirement in 2007 from 30 years of local government public service, he was the Assistant City Manager in Lakewood, California. He holds a bachelor’s degree in government from the California State University, Los Angeles and a Masters in Public Policy and Administration from Long Beach State University.

**Shirley A. Swanson** is Chair of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Western Michigan University. She is also a member of the Curriculum Committee. With degrees in Education, Counseling, and History and a teaching specialty in the History of Women in the United States, she has served thirty years in Academic Administration at three major universities: Eastern Michigan University (MI), University of Houston (TX), California State University, Northridge, (CA). Post retirement activities include extensive experience in Community College Enrollment Management and community service based non -profit administration and management.

**Deirdre Thomas** serves as the Director of Extended Learning at California State University San Bernardino. She is responsible for the development and growth of degree, professional development, and personal enrichment programs. Deirdre is a graduate of the University of Redlands with a BS degree in Business Administration and Management and Azusa Pacific University with a MA degree in Organizational Leadership.

**Lhay Thriffley** (pronounced "Lay TRIFFlee- all the h's are silent!) is the OLLI Director- liaison at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Thriffley is a graduate of the Master of Science in economic development program at Southern Miss, where she excelled in graduate level classes in grant writing, nonprofit leadership and administration studies. She also holds a bachelor’s degree in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis in arts-based program development, creating a blues music children’s summer camp program as her senior capstone. She was previously employed with the university as a special projects coordinator, developing funding and organizing activities for the Hattiesburg Concert Association and the Symphony Orchestra. While in graduate school, she worked as a freelance writer for Mississippi Legends magazine, later completing community development and research-related projects for the Mississippi Main Street Program, Mississippi Arts Commission and Mississippi Development Authority. Thriffley is a Mississippi native who has lived in Hattiesburg for
nearly 20 years. Prior to pursuing a career in non-profit work, she worked as a professional musician, songwriter and actress as well as a custom drapery designer. She is actively involved with the Hattiesburg Historic Neighborhood Association, and volunteers with local musicians and artists to help them reach career development goals.

**Susan Tonymon** joined OLLI at University of Arkansas as director in July 2013. She has a master’s degree from University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Susan, a licensed master’s social worker, has been in the educational arena for approximately seven years. Her educational career experience began as director of a program for wounded combat veterans serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, specializing physical and mental health rehabilitation and education services at Arkansas State University. Susan serves on several boards, including: Age Friendly Fayetteville, Circle of Life Hospice, Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame, Arkansas Governor’s Disabled Veterans Scholarship Fund, UA’s Veteran’s Resource Information Center and Fayetteville Rotary Club. Susan is married to neurosurgeon Kenneth Tonymon, MD. They have four kids (two sons and two daughters) attending Arkansas colleges. They have one very spoiled boxer named Oliver, who thankfully has completed his formal education.

**Jeanette Toohey** was appointed Director of the University of North Florida’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in March 2010. Prior to that appointment she served as Executive Director of an arts in healing program serving patients and families at a children’s hospital and clinic. In her first career she was an art historian working as a museum curator at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens (Jacksonville), the University of Florida’s Samuel P. Harn Museum (Gainesville), the Delaware Art Museum (Wilmington) and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (Philadelphia). She has served on a variety of boards and committees for local, regional and national associations and nonprofit organizations. In 2012 she was named one of Jacksonville’s “Women of Influence.” In 2006, she received the American Association of Museums’ prestigious award for “Excellence in Peer Review Service.”

**Lorraine Townsend**, program coordinator/director of OLLI at UC Davis for almost 7 years. She worked for the previous 18 years at UCLA Extension. She was the administrative specialist in the Education Department and the Entertainment Studies Department. She holds a BA in teaching. This experience has prepared her for the varied duties of this position. Lorraine enjoys traveling with her husband, gardening and photography. Working with seniors in OLLI has been the most enjoyable job of her life.

**Eileen Tremain** has been a member of OLLI at California State University at Monterey Bay for the past five years. She is an active member of the Fundraising Committee and is both a participant in the classes and a co-facilitator of an OLLI Book Club. For over 20 years, Eileen worked in the food field as a publicist, food stylist, food writer, and developer of recipes for the consumer market. She co-founded San Francisco Kitchens, a public relations agency specializing in the promotion of food. Most recently, Eileen retired from Planned Parenthood Mar Monte where she worked in public affairs in Monterey County. She advocated for family health care on the national, state, and local levels. Eileen is an avid reader and enjoys yoga and hiking. She considers OLLI the best part of her retirement.

**Don Ugent** received his BS and JD degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He spent most of his working career in Los Angeles, Ca. as a manager for several banks in their Wealth Management departments. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Austin and he joined UT Forum at its inception in 2005. Forum is one of five OLLI groups at the University of Texas, Austin. Don has served as Chair and a member of the Lecture Committee, was elected Chair Elect of the Executive Committee, the managing committee of Forum. He will be chair of the Executive Committee in April, 2014. Don is also a member
of three Special Interest Groups which are comprised of many UT Forum members. Don has been an active volunteer for many years and he teaches yoga in Austin.

**Marci Valeo** serves as the Chair of the Membership and Marketing Committee of the OLLI at the University of Montana. She moved to Montana 22 years ago from Los Angeles. She graduated from Boston University with a B.S. in business. Has been on many nonprofit and governmental boards over the years. Has taken many OLLI courses over the last six years.

**Julie Vidotto** recently assumed the directorship of Clemson University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, after a 20-year career in museum and public garden education program administration, with previous positions at Hillwood Museum in Washington, DC, the Chicago Botanic Garden, and the North Carolina Arboretum in lovely Asheville, NC. In these roles, she has worked within many membership and volunteer program structures, and greatly appreciates the creativity and energy generated when passionate people work together towards the success of an organization they love! She holds an undergraduate degree in ornamental horticulture as well as M.A.T. and Ed.D. degrees in education administration and leadership. Her professional passions lie in understanding how organizations support complex partnership endeavors, with her most recent research exploring successful multi-agency collaborations in community colleges. Outside of the office, she spends as much time as possible in her untidy garden, and on the trails of the Southern Appalachian Mountains.

**Anne Wallace** is the Executive Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University. She has been with OLLI for 10 years, during which time she has developed a passion (some might say obsession) for lifelong learning. Her only lament is that she doesn’t have time to attend classes. When not at work, Anne can be found riding her bike, kayaking, reading or catching up with her two daughters. Anne is one of the founding members of Washington Womenade, now in its 13th year. Womenade is a unique non-profit which holds potluck dinners and raises money to distribute directly to vendors to help women in need. Eyeglasses, dentures, an overdue electricity or gas bill are some of the things the group funds for women living on the edge of poverty. Womenade has no overhead and no administrative costs. Washington Womenade has spawned more than 50 others around the country.

**Ruth Waltenspiel** In 2003 my company was sold and after 46 years I was unemployed. At Sonoma State University I was introduced to OLLI where I began taking a wide variety of classes. My favorite was history where sometimes the instructor would offer tours of the country studied to a small group of 12-14 students. Through these tours I have traveled to Egypt, Cuba, Israel, Sicily, and the Danube River from Amsterdam to Budapest. This spring the trip will again be on the Danube from Budapest to The Black Sea. With wonderment and appreciation I look upon OLLI as the key to a wonderful life in my senior years.

**Jake Warner** is an attorney, author and co-founder of Nolo, a consumer law publisher. In addition to serving as Nolo’s CEO for many years (retiring in 2011), Jake is the author/co-designer of a number of books and software programs including Get A Life: You Don’t Need A Million To Retire Well and Will Maker. Jake is also the author of many popular children's audio stories which can be found at Jake'sTales.org. At Olli Berkeley, Jake serves on the Curriculum and Finance committees and has lectured on how grandparents can bond with their grandchildren and other beloved little ones by establishing a family story telling tradition.
Helen Washburn is a member of the Advisory Council for Osher@Mizzou and chairs the Outreach Committee. She is President Emerita of Cottey College. Helen grew up in Idaho and received her bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Idaho. Her Ph.D. is from the University of Oregon.

Maralie Waterman BeLonge holds an MS in Human Services Administration from Springfield College in Massachusetts. She has over twenty years of experience in program development, fundraising and non-profit management within advocacy, health and education settings. She directed a community action program working with survivors of sexual and domestic violence and worked with a program raising funds to provide scholarships to Native American students. For ten years, she was Executive Director of the New Mexico Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association and then directed a statewide disability services organization prior to coming to the Osher Institute at the University of New Mexico in January of 2010. She is married to Scott. Gabrielle, Brande and Donald call her “Mom.” Granddaughter, Emilia rounds things out. When not coordinating OLLI programs, Maralie puts her words to paper in the form of novels and short stories and enjoys the abundant New Mexico sunshine.

Peggy Watson just became the director of the Osher Institute at the University of Richmond the beginning of April 2014. Prior to this, Peggy was the coordinator for 24 years of the Career and Technical Education Resource Center, a grant project of the Virginia Department of Education. In this position, she managed the development of curriculum materials and offered training on instructional resources to secondary school teachers across Virginia. Having earned her undergraduate degree from the university, Peggy is happy to "come home," learn as much as possible about the Osher Institute, and work with the Osher community in Richmond.

Robin Weeks I am the coordinator for OLLI Sedona/Verde Valley in Arizona. I was an academic (research and teaching) scientist for many years in Earth and Space Sciences. I have a Ph.D in Geophysics and an MA in Religious Studies. I have a longtime interest in alternative education and learning, and I write about the integration of science and spirituality.

Shelley Wegner currently serves as the Coordinator of Marketing and Membership at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Saginaw Valley State University, MI. Two of her favorite SVSU-OLLI programs include a Grandparents Camp at SVSU and a recent Social Technology Conference for 50+. Before joining the OLLI staff at SVSU in 2007, Shelley worked in the museum field for 18 years holding curatorial and educational programming positions in the Mid-Michigan region. She holds a B.S. degree from Central Michigan University with a concentration in Museum Science Studies. Shelley also enjoys running, kickboxing, pickle ball and working with her husband and three children operating a family owned auction firm.

Nancy Wehrkamp Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota for the past 2 years. Nancy is passionate about continuing education and providing fulfilling lifelong learning opportunities to individuals in South Dakota. The recent increase in membership and growth of course offerings is exciting. Nancy’s career path has always been within the education profession. Prior to her position with OLLI, Nancy worked at Avera McKennan Hospital as an Education & Development Consultant; at a large church as the Director of Christian Education, and with the public school system as a Counselor. Outside of OLLI, Nancy’s interests include spending time with her husband Bill, and their three adult children. Their favorite family gathering location is at their lake cabin on Roy Lake.
**Matt Weidman** has spent the past 14 years working in higher education for three different universities in a variety of mid-management roles. He has served as Director of Widener University's Exton Campus for the past six years. Along with overseeing the OLLI program at Widener University, he also teaches a variety of courses in the areas of social media, history, and films.

**Joyce Wellinger** is the Associate Dean for Finance and Administration at Stony Brook University’s School of Professional Development. Her responsibilities include the management of administrative operations, finance, budget, human resources, technology, facilities and space allocation. Arriving at Stony Brook in 1987, Joyce worked in the Budget Office, served as the Director of Finance and Administration for the Division of Facilities and Operations before joining the School of Professional Development. Prior to Stony Brook, she worked in the retail and international shipping industries. Joyce also teaches in Stony Brook’s Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration Program. She holds a BA in Economics from Stony Brook University, an MBA in International Business from The American University and is currently pursuing an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership Studies at Northeastern University. She is the chair of the Association for Continuing Higher Education (ACHE) Northeast Metropolitan Region. In 2010, ACHE recognized Stony Brook’s OLLI with the best Older Adult Model Program Award.

**Vonnie Wheeler** Prior to co-developing the Lifelong Learning Institute at DU (now OLLI) and serving as its Director, Vonnie was President of the NorthStar Institute designing and implementing educational travel trips with university partners nationally and internationally. Previously she was a vice president at First National Bank of Denver where she directed the FNB Foundation and served as the Director of Community Relations.

**Dr. Barbara White** was appointed the Executive Director of OLLI at California State University, Long Beach in January of 2009 and served on the OLLI at CSULB Advisory Board from 2000-2009. She is also the Director of the Gerontology Program on campus, offering both a Certificate and Master of Science degree in Gerontology. She is the Director of the Center for Successful Aging on campus and faculty in the School of Nursing where she served as coordinator for the Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Master’s option from 1998 - 2009. She developed the first “Health Care of the Older Adult” lecture and clinical laboratory courses for the School of Nursing and co-authored two textbooks with a focus on gerontological nursing. As OLLI Executive Director she serves on the Dean’s Leadership Team in the College of Health and Human Services. Her University positions help connect OLLI with campus activities, events, and research opportunities.

**Ann Williams** first heard about OLLI when she was 40 years old but had to wait until she grew up before joining. After retiring in 2006, Ann joined OLLI and has acted as Facilitator in courses, helped develop the Aging Well and Wisely courses, and with colleague Pam McGovern, initiated the Aging Well & Wisely Forum. Currently Ann co-chairs the Social Sciences Committee and edits Social Science courses for the catalogue. In her previous life, before retirement, Ann obtained a Masters Degree from UCLA and worked as an Advanced Practice RN. She enjoyed a varied career as a Critical Care RN, a consultant with community non-profits; and in her final and most rewarding years, as the developer and coordinator of the Senior Care Connections program for Kaiser Permanent, Orange County. Ann is a new grandmother as of last month and expects OLLI to be here for her children and grandchildren.

**Gail Williams** earned her BA degree in political science from the University of Michigan in 1979 and holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit School Of Law, received in 1983. She
practiced criminal defense and domestic relations law in the Detroit area before moving to Columbus, Ohio. Gail was a human resources employee relations specialist at The Ohio State University and later became the Executive Assistant of Outreach and Engagement for the university. In 2000, she and her family relocated to Nashville. Gail has been Associate Director of Community Relations at Vanderbilt University since 2001 where she is responsible for building partnerships and collaborations on behalf of the university; mostly done through innovative, creative academic based programming. She is the immediate past President of the University School of Nashville board of Trustees after serving as president for three years; she is also past chair of The Metropolitan Nashville Transit Authority Board of Directors. Gail is also a member of Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee, The Frist Center for the Visual Arts, The Tennessee Performing Arts Center and the YWCA. Gail has previously served on the boards of The Women’s Fund Advisory Board of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee; The Harpeth Hall School for Girls, The Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee; The Land Trust of Tennessee; Nashville Opera, The Nashville Aquatics Club and The Ladies’ Hermitage Association. In her spare time, Gail enjoys cooking, sports and reading. Gail and her husband, David, are the parents of two children, Samantha and Nicholas.

Lynda S. Wilson is Director of the Department of Humanities and Sciences (H&S), UCLA Extension, Los Angeles, CA. Lynda earned her Ph.D. in Human Resource Development at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Her academic area of expertise is adult learning. Lynda has served in several academic leadership positions for 13 years. Prior to entering higher education, she served in several human resource director positions in California and Louisiana. As the Director of H&S at UCLA Extension, she has primary academic, administrative and financial responsibility for the development, direction, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of certificate programs and courses in the areas of: humanities, health sciences, physical sciences, social sciences and public policy, as well as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Lynda manages a broad portfolio with certificate programs in: alcohol and drug abuse counseling, archeology, fitness instruction, fundraising, health care management, interpretation and translation, journalism, non-profit management, patient advocacy, pre-med and general sciences, and sustainability. Lynda has directed OLLI@ UCLA for 3 years.

Lynda Wilson I have a Masters in Social Work (MSW) with a specialty in aging and have worked with older adults in community settings for the past 13 years in three different States. Each work experience has provided a greater understanding of the needs of older adults and what is required for them to successfully age in place. I currently serve as the Program Manager of the OLLI program at Emory as well as the Program Coordinator for the Emory Senior Mentor Program. Both programs provide older adults the opportunity to learn and gain something for themselves, as well as an opportunity to give back. Feeling needed and purposeful is important at any age. However, for older adults, who are often marginalized from the greater society, there is truly no greater reward.

R. Stewart Wood, Jr. aka “Stew” was born in Detroit, lived for seven years in his preteens and early teens in Minneapolis and graduated from high school in Indianapolis, Indiana. In the summer before his senior year at Dartmouth he and Kristin were married. After graduation he attended the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, VA in anticipation of a ministry that would offer him the opportunity to work in a variety of small and large, rural and urban congregations in Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee as well as direct a small case work and counseling agency in the inner city of Indianapolis. After twenty-nine years of congregational ministry he was elected bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, returning to his birthplace and where he served until his retirement in late 2000. In retirement he and Kristin moved to Quechee,
VT where they lived for twelve years. His engagement in retirement has been with the Haven (a residential program for the homeless), ILEAD (The Institute for Lifelong Education at Dartmouth), the Diocese of Vermont and the Vermont Advisory Committee to the U S Commission on Civil Rights. Stew and Kristin have three children and eight grandchildren, some close at hand in Massachusetts and New Jersey and the others out in the San Francisco area.

**Sam Wormley**  OLLI at ISU is a wonderful program serving our communities. Sam has been involved in curriculum planning and administration for nine years and volunteers as an instructor of sciences, computers and arts, averaging seven courses per year.

**Jim Wyrtzen** is a graduate of Moravian College and Theological Seminary with a B.A., M.Div. and an honorary D.D. He has a D. Min. from New York Theological Seminary (focus on Pastoral Counseling) and Certificates in pastoral care and pastoral psychotherapy from the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute. He served as pastor of United Methodist Churches for 8 years and as a Pastoral Psychotherapist and Marriage, Family and Group Therapist for 38 years. He was Executive Director of the Creative Living Counseling Center (NJ), Director of the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute (NYC) and in private practice in New York City. He was also President of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. He is now President of OLLI UC San Diego.

**Joan Zenan** I grew up in Northern California, graduated from UCLA with a BA in Geography and an MLS in Library Science. I completed a US Public Health Service internship in medical librarianship at the UCLA Biomedical Library. I lived in Anchorage, Alaska, for three years and built an environmental sciences library for the Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center. My career at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), began in September 1976, as the Medical Librarian and Director of the Savitt Medical Library. For 28 years my staff and I provided the University of Nevada School of Medicine and all Nevadans with access to medical information. I team taught clinical problem solving to medical students. I participated on university-wide committees, and chaired the UNR Faculty Senate. I retired in 2004. I presently sit on the UNR Libraries Advisory Board and the UNR Foundation Board. I am active in community activities and philanthropic groups.