LLI Offers Classes at the David Posnack Jewish Community Center

In October 2017, the LLI launched weekly classes at the Posnack JCC, located on the corner of Stirling Road and Pine Island Road in Davie. Having a presence again in Davie has been well received, so classes will continue this winter/spring. LLI full-time members can attend for free. LLI part-time members pay the JCC member price of $10 per class.

UPCOMING DATES

**MONDAYS, 10:30–11:45 a.m.**
January 29, February 26, March 26, and April 23
Vincent Toscano, Ph.D.
“American Cultural History: 1940s Through the 1990s”

**WEDNESDAYS, 10:30–11:45 a.m.**
January 17
Helene Herman
“Vietnam: Then and Now”

January 24
Missy Dore, Ed.D.
“The Habsburg Empire of Central Europe: Budapest, Vienna, and Prague”

February 7
Charles Zelden, Ph.D.
“The Current State of Politics in Trump’s America”

February 14
Rebecca Staton–Reinstein, Ph.D.
“How Jefferson vs. Adams in 1800 Set the Stage for Today’s Political Shenanigans”

February 21
Steve Schlesinger
“Ellis Island: The Immigrant Experience”

March 7
Vernon Dickson, Ph.D.
“Theater in the Time of Shakespeare”

March 14
Stephen Singer, J.D.
“History of Forensic Science”

March 21
Stephen Singer, J.D.
“False Confessions”

Classes will continue on April 4, 11, and 18 and May 2, 9, 16, and 23.
Topics TBA.
In 2017, the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) experienced a whirlwind year filled with lots of events and changes. We celebrated our 40th anniversary with a lovely party in December at the Fort Lauderdale Savor Cinema. We also experienced another big event—moving the entire institute to our new, big, beautiful home on NSU’s East Campus Alumni Hall.

It is so wonderful to have an auditorium that can seat more than 500, the Marlene Effren Library, and the cafeteria. We also welcomed a new staff member, Kristopher Lalji, to our team. Read on to learn more about him in the profile featured in this newsletter.

As part of our move, we forged new relationships with off-campus organizations, sharing resources and collaborating on events. Some of these include the African American Research Library and Cultural Center, as well as the Savor Cinema and Cinema Paradiso Hollywood Theaters. We also are partnering with the David Posnack Jewish Community Center in Davie, where we offer once-a-week classes, thereby maintaining a presence in the western areas of the county.

To you, our returning members and visitors, we thank you for joining us for Winter Welcome Week 2018 and look forward to having you as part of the LLI family for another amazing academic year.

Remember, learning is lifelong!

The LLI is happy to announce a new addition to its team. On November 6, 2017, Kristopher Lalji, M.A., joined the institute as a community relations assistant. He supports the development of our Lifelong Learning Institute in several important ways, including providing assistance to our growing student body and faculty members on NSU’s East Campus.

Additionally, he will aid in the administrative oversight of our expanding off-campus operations. Maintaining and forging new relationships with off-campus organizations represents a critical component in our community outreach efforts.

Lalji is an alumnus of Florida Atlantic University (FAU), where he received his Bachelor or Arts in History in 2011 and his Master of Arts in World History in 2014. During his graduate studies, he led discussions and lectures at the university level, with a primary focus on the history of world and Eastern civilizations.

As his career progressed, he fell in love with academia and the idea of providing the general public with access to quality educational resources. In his new position, Lalji strives to serve the LLI community by immersing its student population in an academic and socially enriching environment, regardless of age.

Prior to joining the LLI team, Lalji served as a coordinator for FAU’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. His education and professional background, coupled with a firm understanding of the intellectual and social needs of mature adults, will make him a valuable asset in the seasons ahead.
A heartfelt thank you to our 40th anniversary celebration sponsors. We appreciate your support and were thrilled to have you with us to celebrate the momentous event.

**Exceptional Theater Company: Debbie Lombard**
Fred Hunter
Homelinstead
Naushira Pandya, M.D., CMD, from NSU-KPCOM
David Posnack Jewish Community Center

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**NEW MEMBERS**
Susan Beaghen
Edward Elinoff
Donna Farnum
Robert Goldberg
Frances Koerner
Barbara Newsom
Rosalind Perlmutter
Richard Proulx
Martin Rosen
Susan Rosenblum
Mayra Sanchez-Johnson
Henry Scherer
Sandra Seacord
Sam Silver
Richard Sugg
Alvin Tobis
Deborah Tobis

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**LLI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CORNER**
In regard to the **LLI Membership Directory**, new members should fill out a contact information form if interested in being included in the directory. Current members who would like to update or change any of their information should see Kiersten.

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**AUDITING CLASSES/INTERNET ACCESS**
To view courses for auditing, use Course Wizard. You may visit this site at [coursewizard.nova.edu/search](http://coursewizard.nova.edu/search).

- Select either Undergraduate or Graduate courses
- Select desired term by clicking on dropdown bar
- “Winter 2018” is the next term available for auditing classes
- Choose Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus
- Click on “Exclude Honors” and then “Search”
- You can connect to Wi-Fi under “Guest.” Any other Wi-Fi such as “1NSU” will not work as it is for students/faculty/staff.

Once you have chosen a class, please see Heike Dose or email her at heiked@nova.edu.

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**FACULTY MEMBER OFFERS PERSPECTIVES ON FEMINIST LITERATURE**

Aileen Farrar, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in the Department of Literature and Modern Languages at NSU’s College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, where she teaches courses in medical humanities and American and British literature. She specializes in connections between science and culture, especially of the 19th century, anchoring her work in such questions as

- “How do narratives create cultural myths about science?”
- “How have women influenced connections between science and literature?”
- “How have scientific discoveries shaped our definition of the human identity?”

As a child, Farrar was an avid reader, and some of her earliest favorites included Sheri S. Tepper’s *A Plague of Angels*, a work of feminist science fiction and fantasy, and Michio Kaku’s *Hyperspace: A Scientific Odyssey*, a popular science book on higher dimensions. In her spare time, Farrar escapes to the outdoors—having moved most recently from the dry mountains of northern Arizona, the temperate ocean-side breezes are a welcome boon—or she escapes to her kitchen. She grew up in the South (yes, Texas is part of the South), and firmly believes that no meal is complete without a sauce or gravy.

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**An Abundance of Gratitude**

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New digs and 40 years—two terrific, seemingly isolated events in the LLI’s history. My daughter Kim, who has a Ph.D. in Jungian psychology, would insist that Jung would say the universe must have linked in some way. Synchronicity, according to Jung, shows that events are meaningful coincidences if they occur with no causal relationship, yet seem to be meaningfully related. Our 40th anniversary and our new home, I think, are synchronistic.

Very few of us have been at the LLI for its entire existence, because our student body continues to turn over and to grow. In my years here, I have seen the rapid growth coupled with remarkable change. The LLI is 40 years old because it continues to provide a growing number of students with a stimulating product that morphs and meets students’ needs.

Part of this change is our new home, necessitated not only by our growth, but the university’s growth, as well. Those of us vets who have come along for the ride—and the rookies, who are first experiencing this—know how advantageous this change is.

Despite the expected transitional issues, such as audiovisual imperfection—which are being addressed—most of us are thrilled with our own building, the new spaces and nooks to congregate in, the opportunity to enjoy lunch outside, the freshness and newness of the place, and the campus setting. There is even a Frisbee flying every day during lunch.

The synchronicity of our 40th anniversary and our move to our new home is quite cool. Happy anniversary, LLI. I can’t wait to go to school tomorrow.