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Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

Your lifelong educational journey continues with us.



# **NSU COURSE AUDITING:**

### A Beneficial Intergenerational Experience



By LLI Members Mady and Eli Wilk

### FOLLOWING ARE RECENT EXAMPLES OF LLI STUDENT AUDITING OF NSU UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE CLASSES.

- Biomedical Ethics (undergraduate)
- Caribbean History (undergraduate)
- European Union (undergraduate)
- Facilitation Theory and Practice (graduate)
- Global Issues (undergraduate)
- History and Structure of the English Language (undergraduate)
- International Conflict Resolution (graduate)
- Introduction to Film (undergraduate)
- Introduction to Legal Studies (undergraduate)
- Introduction to Political Science (undergraduate)
- Introduction to World Mythology (undergraduate)
- Lifespan Human Development (undergraduate)
- Mediation Theory (graduate)
- Middle Eastern Conflict (graduate)
- Philosophy (undergraduate)
- State and Local Government (undergraduate)
- The Holocaust (undergraduate)
- The Presidency (undergraduate)

When you become a member of the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) at Nova Southeastern University, you have the opportunity to enjoy lectures that inform and stimulate, to socialize with peers, to participate in field trips, and to attend campus activities such as the Distinguished Speakers Series. You also have a chance to audit classes, which provides the in-depth experience of attending 15-week classes with instructors and students.

In the fall 2018 term, we had the chance to audit "Introduction to Legal Studies" with Lindsay Bass, J.D. We were introduced to the foundations and fundamental decision-making processes of the American legal system through readings, lectures, and discussions. We also examined cases that have been appealed, either to the states' higher courts, or to the U.S. Supreme Court. This course had current significance, as well as relevance to past judicial decisions that continue to affect our lives.

NSU encourages lifelong learners to take advantage of course-auditing opportunities and include them in their LLI experience.

### **AUDITING CLASSES**

To view courses for auditing, use Course Wizard. You may visit this site at

coursewizard.nova.edu/search.

- select either Undergraduate or Graduate courses
- select desired term by clicking on dropdown bar
- choose Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus
- click on "Exclude Honors" and then "Search"

Once you know which classes you are interested in auditing, you can submit your request to Heike Dosé through email at heiked@nova.edu or in person.

#### **INTERNET ACCESS**

You can connect to Wi-Fi under "Guest." Any other Wi-Fi, such as "1NSU," will not work as it is for students and faculty/staff members.

### LLI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CORNER

To be included in the *LLI Membership Directory*, new members need to fill out a contact information form. Current members who would like to update or change any of their information should see Kiersten Monahan.

### TRIBUTE FUND DONATIONS

Patricia Ann Burke

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Susan Lethbridge



The 2018–19 LLI Members Advisory Committee (MAC) comprises (from left) Suzanne Parker, Barry Shapiro, Ricki Franklin, Stuart Farber, Nancy Green, Dan Smith, and Frank Stewart.

## MEMBERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

By Stuart P. Farber, M.D. Chair, LLI Members Advisory Committee

How did it get to be the holiday season already? Wasn't it just July 4? Labor Day? Weren't we in the UPP just last week? How is it possible that we are on the East Campus for a year and a half already? Time is not only accelerating, but the rate of acceleration is accelerating. The question is—is this a good thing?

One can come down on either side of this question. On one side, one could be distressed at the rapidity of the passage of this time. I, however, come down on the other side, and the LLI may play a small role.

Time accelerates during happy times. And since most of us spend many happy hours every week at the LLI involved with our "A listers," our rookie professors, and our peer-led groups, auditing at the U, adventuring on our field trips, and having lunch with our friends—all in the service of our minds and our spirits—those hours seem to fly. Art, music, literature, history, science, politics—all lectures and discussions of high quality seemingly emanating from a mystical cornucopia that, by definition, is endless. Kind of a nice way to ride the wave of time.

Time flies, because life is good. But, is it really the New Year already?

Thanks LLI, and Happy New Year to everyone!

### A MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE:

# How I Came to Participate in This Unique Experience

By Suzanne Parker LLI Members Advisory Committee Member

In 2007, my husband passed away, leaving me a widow for the second time. I had taken a medical leave of absence from my job as an investigational paralegal from a law firm in downtown Fort Lauderdale to take care of him, and after he passed away, I realized I didn't want to return to work.

I retired soon after, believing that the world would open to me with new and exciting experiences. I soon realized, however, that the friends I had made over my 25-year law career were still working, and when I did meet them for drinks or dinner, I grew tired of hearing office gossip that no longer interested me.

I also realized I was not a "lady of leisure who lunched." They talked about restaurants they had gone to with their husbands, shopping that they had done, etc. Again, I had no interest. I was adrift, not knowing what I would do with my life.

I had never learned to play mah-jongg, playing cards didn't interest me, and I didn't know how to knit, sew, or crochet. I missed having conversations with my clients and the lawyers I worked with, sharing opinions. No one really cared what I thought about anything. I found myself watching too much TV and falling into abject boredom. Was this going to become my future?

One evening, I googled continuing education, and my world opened up when I saw the Nova Southeastern University Lifelong Learning Institute. That was 10 years ago, and I have been a member ever since.

Not only did I find amazing lectures and intellectual conversation, but also a group of individuals who thought about the things I thought about—and who loved to discuss them. Many of them became my close friends and were by my side during four serious orthopedic surgeries I had in the last four years. I came back to classes as soon as I could, even though I used a walker and now a cane. It is that important to me to be here.



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I am beholden to the LLI for allowing me to keep my mind stimulated, for making new friends, and for continuing my intellectual curiosity. I was recently reelected to the MAC (Members Advisory Committee). It was my personal mission a few years ago to campaign for more cultural diversity in our membership, which would allow for different perspectives both in our classes and personally. Fellow MAC members Frank Stewart and Barry Shapiro have joined me in this mission, and we are actively pursuing this along with the rest of the MAC with great enthusiasm.

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### **Save the Dates**

**January 29** – "The Long Roots of Racism and the American Civil Rights Revolution of the 20th Century," presented by Vincent Toscano, Ph.D.

**February 26** – "Affairs of the Heart: Picasso's Women," presented by Armando Droulers

**March 26** – "Sharks, Turtles, and Corals: Oh My! Fifty Years of Marine Science in South Florida," with Missy Dore, Ed.D.

#### **AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER EVENT**

The inaugural seminar of the Lifelong Learning Institute's lecture series collaboration was a success! Charles Zelden, Ph.D., professor in the Department of History and Political Science at NSU's College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, lectured on November 13 on "A Postmortem of the 2018 Midterm Elections." To register for the upcoming 2019 lectures, visit *aventuracenter.org*.



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Please remember that the online calendar is the most up-to-date schedule of LLI classes. Printed calendars may change, so please save this link: nova.edu/llicalendar.

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