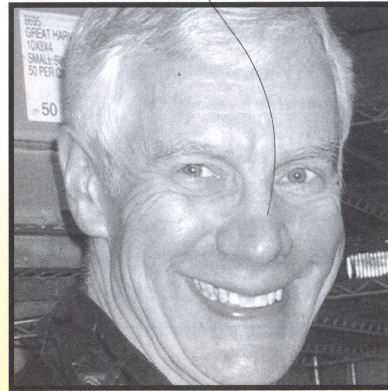


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# WHO IS OLLI?

The Bradley University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a group of over 700 learners, age 50 and over, who learn together through three distinct programs.

Three times each year, we meet at Bradley and enjoy presentations by volunteers who teach four 1-hour sessions on a subject of their choice. OLLI Classes cover all topics and disciplines and regularly include a few hands-on computer classes.

We also take Learning Trips, held throughout the year and throughout the region. With a focus on learning, we enjoy behind-the-scenes explanations, step-on guides, and docent-led tours that enrich each of our excursions. Transportation is provided, and lunch is generally included on these half day and full day trips.

Study Groups are another feature of OLLI. These member-facilitated groups convene around a topic of mutual interest and include discussions and presentations by the group's members. Study groups generally meet two hours for five or six weeks and convene throughout the year.

In essence, OLLI is our opportunity, at 50 and over, to learn again. It's an organization that enables us to revisit old interests and develop new ones; to rekindle old friendships and make new ones-with people like ourselves. It's our time to learn!

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University is a program sponsored by Continuing Education and is affiliated with the Bernard Osher Foundation and the Elderhostel Institute Network.

# WE ARE OLLI!

OLLI volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. We celebrate our success due to their efforts. Thank you!

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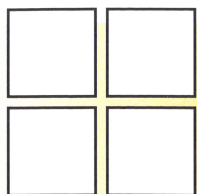
**REDEFINING RETIREMENT**  
a 1-day workshop where we  
"get real"  
about retirement

Facilitated by noted speakers from the financial, health care, and lifestyle fields, this program will inspire you to explore and redefine your retirement plans.

**Saturday, September 19**  
**Michel Student Center**



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A summer OLLI brochure? Well, yes, this is a first, and we are proud to bring you trips and study groups for the middle months of the year. Our OLLI grant has allowed us additional staff and that has allowed us to add more opportunities for learning and fun get-togethers for us "Ollivers." There seem to be no boundaries and no lack of ideas to keep us as busy as we want to be. We hope you will find something that will pique your interest. I particularly urge you to come to our third annual picnic on Friday, July 10, this year at a new location, Springdale Cemetery, where we will get to experience the wonderful sounds of the Peoria Municipal Band. Let's make this our biggest general meeting of the year!

**WHAT A PRIVILEGE!** What a privilege it is for us to be students at Bradley University, one of the premier private colleges in the nation. Its support of our OLLI organization is outstanding and unusual in an organization such as ours. It comes not only with financial and facility support but with manpower and faculty encouragement that is contagious.

**WHAT A PRIVILEGE** it is to be associated with the members of OLLI, a group of adult citizens whose enthusiasm for keeping active and learning into their "senior years" is nothing short of miraculous. I have never before been involved in an organization with so many members who volunteer so willingly. They volunteer – volunteer mind you and sometimes without being asked – to stick labels on mailings, suggest class topics, praise another's efforts, contact teachers, arrange for art exhibits, host a class, say yes when asked to help park cars, decorate tables, attend meetings, research and teach a class, and on and on.

**WHAT A PRIVILEGE** it is to be asked to be your president for this coming year. I want you to be certain that I speak for the entire group of officers when I say we are spokespeople and guides, not dictators or rulers. We welcome your comments and suggestions and we count on your continued willing volunteer help as we celebrate our 15th year of lifelong learning. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm. I know you are involved because you, too, know it is a privilege you are proud of.

Joanne Haupt  
OLLI President

P.S. Maybe you ought to save this brochure. First editions often become very valuable!



CONTINUING EDUCATION  
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Learning Trips continue to be a popular component of OLLI, so it's clear that learning and travel are a great combination! Join your hosts Michelle Riggio and Emily Skocaj for these fascinating excursions that expand your mind, enlarge your circle of friends, and invite you to celebrate the amazing differences in people, places, and thought.

When choosing your trips, be sure to keep an open mind. As a community of learners, we subscribe to the free exchange of ideas, thoughtful reflection, and discussion about our destinations. Help us continue to offer a program that is characterized by both excitement and respect.

Use our trip icons to help you decide if a trip is one you can enjoy!

#### TRIP DESCRIPTION ICONS:



Intergenerational trip: lets you share the love of learning with younger guests.



You should be able to: enter/exit van with minimal assistance, climb some stairs, stand for up to an hour, and walk a few blocks indoors or out.



You should be able to do all activities from Level 1, and: climb a few flights of stairs and walk on uneven surfaces over the course of a day.



You should be able to do all activities from Levels I & II, and: be in good health, mobile, and able to participate in 3-5 hours of physical activity per day.



You should be able to do all activities from Levels I - III, and: be in excellent health, extremely mobile, and able to participate in six hours of moderate-paced activity per day.

## LOCAL TRIPS

These learning trips are in-depth visits to local businesses and attractions. The price of each trip varies, but includes all activities, meals, tips, and van transportation. Detailed handouts and timelines are provided with your registration confirmation. Seats are usually limited to 20.

### Fired Up Studio

**Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Art helps everyone learn, and the owners of Fired Up, a paint-your-own pottery and art studio, will show us how they have turned their passion for learning into a successful business. After the tour, OLLI members (and their younger guests) will have two hours of studio time to paint – and keep – their own pottery mugs. Once our mugs are complete we'll walk to Emack & Bolio's for a delicious ice cream treat. **\$25 – includes tour, studio time, mug to paint, ice cream, and transportation. Please register by June 16.**

### Summer Picnic and Concert at Springdale

**Friday, July 10, 2009, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

It's an annual tradition – the OLLI summer picnic. This year, we'll start with an early evening tour of historic Springdale Cemetery, the resting place of many Peoria legends, including Bradley University founder Lydia Moss Bradley. After the tour, we'll gather for a gourmet picnic dinner, play croquet and other lawn games, then end the evening with a first-of-its-kind concert by the Peoria Municipal Band. **\$29 – includes tour, picnic dinner, activities, and concert (no transportation; meet at Springdale). Please register by June 30.**

### Peoria Journal Star: Behind the Scenes

**Thursday, July 16, 2009, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

After lunch at Avanti's, OLLI member, Bernie Drake, will take us on a behind-the-scenes look at Peoria's only daily newspaper, the *Journal Star*. We'll learn how each of the newspaper's departments contribute to the process of publishing the paper 365 days a year. We'll also have an exclusive opportunity to meet with a reporter to ask about the newspaper's stories and editorials. **\$22 – includes lunch, tour, and round-trip van transportation. Please register by July 2.**

### Kickapoo Creek Winery

**Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Our setting will be the beautiful lakes, bridges, and vineyards of the Kickapoo Creek Winery in Edwards. After a delicious buffet lunch in the tasting room, we'll spend part of the day taking a leisurely stroll along the walking trails, learning more about the winery's beautiful hostas, viburnum, and other plant varieties. We'll then hop aboard the Grape Train, which will transport us back to the tasting room for a tasting of the local wines, cheeses, jellies, and other fine products. **\$29 – includes tour, docent fees, buffet lunch, wine tasting, and round-trip van transportation. Please register by August 3.**

### Peoria Photography Experience

**Friday, August 21, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Friday, August 28, 2009, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Photography experts Ray Keithley and Barb Hoffman (who specializes in urban landscapes) will lead this unique excursion into downtown Peoria to document the many changes occurring throughout the River City. On August 21, we'll eat lunch at Kelleher's, then learn how to best photograph the buildings near the riverfront, the future museum block, and the Pere Marquette Hotel. One week later, we'll meet at the Michel Student Center to exchange photos and present a display of past, present, and future comparisons of Peoria. No photography experience needed – just bring a camera! **\$29 – includes lunch, guided photo session, presentation materials, and round-trip van transportation.**



## REGIONAL TRIPS

These learning trips are day-long opportunities to enjoy a variety of activities throughout Illinois and nearby states. The price of each trip varies, but includes fees, lunch, tips, snacks, and round-trip transportation via Peoria Charter Coach. Detailed handouts are provided with your registration confirmation. Seats are usually limited to 50.

### **Spirit of Peoria Cruise with Michael Wiant** **Saturday, June 27, 2009**

Join us as we spend a beautiful summer afternoon cruising along the picturesque Illinois River on the state's only authentic paddle-wheeler, the Spirit of Peoria. During the two-hour excursion, which includes a full buffet lunch, Michael Wiant, Dickson Mounds Museum Director, will give an exclusive presentation on the Illinois River. His fascinating stories will help illustrate the character of the Illinois River and trace its interaction with the people who have lived along it. **\$35 – includes ticket, buffet lunch, cruise, and talk by Michael Wiant (no transportation; meet at the Peoria riverfront).** Please register by June 16.

### **Downtown Chicago Bike-n-Hike** **Wednesday, July 8, 2009**

In this first-of-its-kind trip, we will travel to Chicago to learn about the city ... on bike and on foot! The day will start with a leisurely biking tour of lakefront neighborhoods. Our tour guides will make many stops along the way for photos, water breaks, and interesting stories about these Windy City landmarks. After lunch at Lizzie McNeill's (where we'll enjoy outdoor seating), we'll head to Michigan Avenue for a private, early evening walking tour of Chicago's historic skyscrapers. Docents from the Chicago Architecture Foundation will take us in and around several world famous early skyscrapers. **\$129 – includes round-trip charter bus transportation, bike and helmet rental, docent fees, lunch, and snacks.** Please register by June 17.

### **Segway & Exchange with Northwestern University** **Wednesday, July 29, 2009**

One of the most popular learning trips is back – with a twist. We've reserved dozens of Segways for a two-hour gliding tour along the Chicago Lakefront Bike Path. The tour docents will share fascinating stories about the Windy City while we make several photo stops along the Skyline. Here's the twist: over our lunch break on Michigan Avenue, we'll be joined by OLLI members from Northwestern University for a unique opportunity to share ideas, suggestions, and brainstorm with our lifelong learning friends! **\$159 – includes round-trip charter bus transportation, Segway and helmet rental, training session, docent fees, lunch, and snacks.** Please register by July 7.

### **Monsanto Seeds & Missouri Botanical Garden** **Wednesday, August 5, 2009**

Spend a day in St. Louis when we visit Monsanto's Chesterfield Village Research Center and the Missouri Botanical Garden. Chesterfield Village, one of the world's largest facilities devoted to plant biotechnology, includes 250 laboratories, 100 plant growth chambers, and two acres of greenhouse space. After lunch at Zia's on The Hill, we'll travel to the Missouri Botanical Garden. There, we'll enjoy a private guided tram tour of the nation's oldest botanical garden, including a 14-acre Japanese strolling garden and one of the world's largest collections of rare orchids. **\$99 – includes round-trip charter bus transportation, tours, docent fees, lunch, and snacks.** Please register by July 27.

### **Harry Potter Exhibition** **Saturday, August 15, 2009**

Are the words Gryffendor, Dumbledore, Hogwarts, and Quidditch part of your vocabulary? If so, join us as we immerse ourselves in the world of wizardry at the Museum of Science and Industry's Harry Potter: The Exhibition. OLLI members (and their younger companions) will get a look inside the famous wizard's magical world via elaborate displays of artifacts and props. **\$99 (ages 12+) and \$94 (ages 8-11) – includes round-trip charter bus transportation, museum admission, exhibit admission, lunch, and snacks.** Please register by August 5.

## STUDY GROUPS

This newest OLLI program is already a hit! We know that you enjoy the challenge of in-depth learning.

Unlike our Classes, which meet for four 1-hour sessions, Study Groups meet longer (generally six 2-hour sessions), drill deeper into the topic, and invite your participation. In fact, a key premise of a successful study group is that YOU contribute to the learning.

That doesn't mean you'll be graded or tested, but it does mean you will work. You will be asked to discuss, or present, or read, or react, or write and, best of all, you will enjoy the conversations you will share with your like-minded peers.

### **The Roosevelts** **Mondays, June 15 – August 10** (No study group on July 6) **1:00 – 3:00 PM**

Join in a lively discussion of one of the most influential clans in American social and political history. We'll explore both the Hudson Bay and Oyster Bay Roosevelts and their impact on American society and culture.

Facilitator: Carol May, retired ICC administrator  
Fee: \$80 Class size is limited to 15.



**The Summer Garden****Tuesdays, July 7 – 28****9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

Utilizing the horticultural resources of ICC and Luthy Botanical Garden, the group will explore several garden themes. Included will be hostas and shade gardens, sunny gardens, the 2009 all-America selections award winning plants, ground covers, roses, and hydrangeas. Most group time will be spent in the gardens though several outside readings from University of Illinois will be assigned and discussed. This study group is for gardeners at all levels.

Facilitator: Philip Adams, retired physician and U of I Extension Master Gardener

Fee: \$40 Class size is limited to 15.

**Study Group Facilitator Training****Wednesdays, July 8 & 15 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM****OR Tuesdays, July 14 & 21 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Have you heard about OLLI study groups and are interested in being a facilitator in the near or distant future? Then, this study group is for you. Join us for an interactive and engaging exploration of group facilitation and its dynamics. You will learn how to establish a learning community, construct a group plan, ask well-crafted questions, and engage members in research projects and presentations. For this study group, be prepared to relax, reflect, and have fun. While designed for OLLI study group facilitators, the content for this study group is also applicable to anyone who leads groups (or wants to lead groups). Each training session is scheduled for two days, one week apart. The cost is FREE! Lunch is on your own each day.

Facilitator: Jon C. Neidy, Associate Director, Continuing Education at Bradley University

NO FEE and class size is limited to 12.

**Energy Knowledge Café****Wednesdays, July 15 & August 19 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Join Dr. Bob Podlasek, Assistant Dean, Bradley University College of Engineering and Technology, as he continues an exploration of energy in the United States. This study group will examine contemporary energy and environmental issues and is your opportunity to explore an energy related topic of personal interest. Dr. Podlasek urges members to send e-mails regarding potential agenda items to [bpod@bradley.edu](mailto:bpod@bradley.edu). He may also invite local and regional experts to the meeting. You are also encouraged to create and present your own energy related PowerPoint presentation (not to exceed five slides) and send them to Dr. Podlasek prior to the meeting. Please consider joining this engaging conversation regarding a topic that affects each of us everyday.

Facilitator: Robert Podlasek, Assistant Dean, Bradley University College of Engineering and Technology

Fee: \$20 Class size is limited to 24.

**DNA Structure and the Nobel Prize****Thurs., July 16, 23, 30, August 6 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM****Tuesday, August 11 1:00 – 3:30 PM****Wednesday, August 12 1:00 – 3:30 PM**

Join a Bradley University biology professor in this unique study group that combines Bradley's undergraduate students with OLLI's lifelong learners.

Dr. John DePinto will merge his summer undergraduate and OLLI students into a true "learning across the life span" experience as they explore the topic of DNA in an intergenerational classroom.

Read three books about the Nobel scientists who significantly contributed to our understanding of DNA; listen to and evaluate undergraduate students as they do presentations; prepare a 10 minute report to share with the undergraduates—all these activities will help members develop a better understanding of DNA as well as each other.

For this study group, please purchase the following books. You may also find them in your library.

*The Double Helix* by James Watson (approx \$11)

*The Third Man of the Double Helix* by Maurice Wilkins (approx \$24)

*Rosalind Franklin and DNA* by Ann Sayre (approx \$11)

Facilitator: John DePinto, Bradley University Professor of Biology emeritus

Fee: \$60 Class size is limited to 10.

**The Stones Do Talk!****Wednesdays, June 3 – July 8**

(No study group on June 24 and July 1)

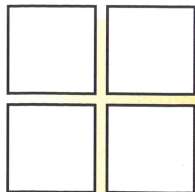
**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Explore the history and the mystery of some of the unsung or unremembered who are buried at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria. Together we'll discuss more about our subjects and—as a gift to posterity—provide a brief, written, and visual record of our learning. One class session will be at Springdale, including walking the grounds.

Facilitator: Randall Saxon, Co-Pastor of United Presbyterian Church

Fee: \$40 Class size is limited to 12





# REGISTRATION SUMMER 2009

(PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT)

## WHAT I WANT TO DO

### Learning Trip Membership Fees

#### Local Trips

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 Fired Up Studio, June 30
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 29 Summer Picnic and Concert at Springdale, July 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 22 Peoria Journal Star: Behind the Scenes, July 16
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 29 Kickapoo Creek Winery, August 19
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 29 Peoria Photography Experience, August 21, 28

#### Regional Trips

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 35 Spirit of Peoria Cruise with Michael Wiant, June 27
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 129 Downtown Chicago Bike-n-Hike, July 8
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 159 Segway & OLLI Exchange with Northwestern University, July 29
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 99 Monsanto Seeds & Missouri Botanical Garden, August 5
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 99 Harry Potter Exhibition, August 15
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 94 Harry Potter Exhibition, August 15, ages 8-11

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total (LINE A)**

### Study Group Membership Fees

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 80 The Roosevelts, June 15 - August 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 40 The Summer Garden, July 7-28
- \_\_\_\_\_ FREE Study Group Facilitator Training, July 8 & 15 or July 14 & 21
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20 Energy Knowledge Café, July 15 & August 19
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 60 DNA Structure and the Nobel Prize, July 16, 23, 30, August 6, August 11, and August 12
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 40 The Stones Do Talk, June 3-July 8

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total (LINE B)**

## WHO I AM

Check here if you are new to OLLI \_\_\_\_\_

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Bradley Alum, Year \_\_\_\_\_

## PARKING

Campus parking is widely available May 18 – August 24, and permits are not required. Campus availability may be limited at times due to other events on campus. You may also park at St. Mark's Church (corner of University and Bradley) and walk to campus.

Please contact Wanda or Emily at 309.677.2523 if you have parking questions.

## HOW I WANT TO PAY

LINE A \_\_\_\_\_ +

LINE B \_\_\_\_\_ +

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL DUE**

Please make checks payable to Bradley University

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**You may also register and pay online at  
[www.bradley.edu/continue](http://www.bradley.edu/continue)**

**Join our mailing list while visiting our website!**

## LEARNING TRIP WAIVER

In order to complete trip registration, participants are required to read and sign this assumption of risk, release, and waiver.

My signature confirms that I have read and meet the activity level requirements, agree to abide by the safety guidelines of Bradley University staff and each host organization, and recognize and accept the risks and conditions of the trip.

I acknowledge that my participation involves some personal risk. For each trip, I will wear closed-toed shoes and agree to use any other safety equipment required of the host site.

I will assume the risks and responsibilities regarding my participation and hold Bradley University and its agents harmless.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

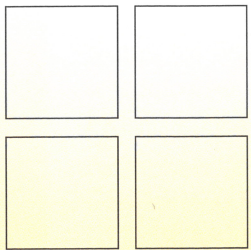




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