

# Osher @ SDSU

## Summer 2024



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Welcome to the Summer 2024 Osher term at San Diego State University! We are so excited for you to explore our offerings and continue your passion for learning. This term, we are offering more than 30 courses from six academic categories for you to choose from.

While the majority of courses are offered to members and non-members, consider how becoming an Osher member can benefit you. Members receive a discount on the wide array of offerings. Members also gain exclusive access to free lectures, events, trips, volunteer opportunities, on and off-campus discounts, and more!

To learn more about our membership options please visit [gc.sdsu.edu/oshermember](https://gc.sdsu.edu/oshermember).

## How to Register

- 1. Log in** to your account. **Please create your account** if you haven't created one yet.
- 2. Pick your courses** from our **online catalog** and add them to your cart.
- 3. Once you've added all your courses**, click on the Checkout button.
- 4. Complete the checkout process** and pay.
- 5. Once registered**, you'll receive a confirmation by email. Additional information like Zoom links and locations for in-person classes/Special Events will be sent in a separate email closer to the date of the event or the start of the course.

## Contact

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# Summer 2024 Course and Offering Descriptions

## Aging Finance & Retirement

### Life Review: Putting Your Life in Perspective

**Instructor:** Virginia B. Berger | **Dates:** Mondays, 7/22/2024 & 7/29/2024, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **Format:** 2-week course/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$49  
**Schedule No.** 99800

Now that you have lived a long and rich life, how can you harvest your wisdom and experience, make sense of it, and use this to live your life more consciously? One way is through “life review” - an inventory of the key events of your life and your responses. Join this two-part workshop to learn the benefits of life review and do exercises to get you started. When your life review is complete, you'll look for different patterns as well as unresolved conflicts. This new perspective will guide you as you move forward.

## Arts & Humanities

### The Fight for Justice: Perry Mason and Local Author Erle Stanley Gardner

**Instructor:** Kim Keeline | **Date:** Thursday, 8/1/2024, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | **Format:** 1-day lecture/ONLINE

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99801

Erle Stanley Gardner was a lawyer and prolific fiction author. His most famous creation was Perry Mason, the defense attorney who never loses. The books (and subsequent radio, tv, and films) all show Gardner's concerns about the legal system. Learn about changes to the justice system and how he fought for actual justice with his “Court of Last Resort” where he helped the wrongfully convicted get new trials.

### Osher Book Club: Revisiting the Classics: "Uncle Tom's Cabin"

**Instructor:** Jonnie Wilson & Melanie Dunn | **Date:** Wednesday, 8/7/2024, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **Format:** 1-day course/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99803

Have you ever read the American classic "Life Among the Lowly"? Or perhaps you know this book by its alternate name: "Uncle Tom's Cabin"? Whatever its title, this novel, written by Harriet Beecher Stowe in 1852, had such a powerful anti-slavery message, it is said to have “helped lay the groundwork for the Civil War.” "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was an immediate success and became the second best-selling book of the 19th century in the U.S., ranking only behind the Bible

in number of copies sold. Join us for a lively discussion on this controversial “classic.”

### Only Hope: My Mother and the Holocaust Brought to Light

**Instructor:** Irving Lubliner | **Date:** Tuesday, 7/16/2024, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **Format:** 1-day lecture/ONLINE

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99804

Before she died in 1974, Felicia Bornstein Lubliner wrote about her internment in ghettos and concentration camps in Nazi-occupied Poland, powerful stories shedding light on her experiences and indomitable spirit, telling a story that Rabbi Dennis J. Eisner described as “deeper than a number—6,000,000—giving us a human touch in the midst of inhumanity.” Her son, Irving, will share excerpts from her book, “Only Hope: A Survivor's Stories of the Holocaust.” You will learn about the Holocaust through his mother's eyes, as well as how he, the child of two survivors of Auschwitz, was impacted by his parents' experiences.

### Benjamin Franklin – America's Original Renaissance Man

**Instructor:** Blaine Davies | **Date:** Monday, 7/8/2024, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **Format:** 1-day lecture/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99805

Scientist, writer, publisher, diplomat, inventor, businessman – in his long life of 84 years Franklin did them all. He was the world's most famous scientist. Yet, he also contributed to the Declaration of Independence, convinced France to become our ally during the Revolutionary War, and helped craft the compromise that enabled the Constitutional Convention to produce the Constitution of the United States. We examine the life of the witty, brilliant and at times irascible Benjamin Franklin who as much as any Founding Father shaped our national identity.

### A Quartet of Balboa Park Garden Makers

**Instructors:** Nancy Carol Carter | **Date:** Thursday, 7/11/2024, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. | **Format:** 1-day lecture/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99806

Have you ever wondered who created the beautiful gardens and landscapes of Balboa Park? The influence and inspiration of four creative, individualistic, stubborn, and opportunistic garden makers live on in San Diego's great park. John Morley devoted 27 years to the Park, while Richard Requa passed

through like a fast-moving storm. Kate Sessions employed a regional sensibility in her plant choices. California newcomer Paul Thiene looked for the showy and colorful. Each garden maker followed a different path into the Park. Each brought a unique bundle of experience and training to their work. A collective look at the contributions of this tenacious foursome offers new perspectives on the design and greening of Balboa Park and shines a light on many of the features park visitors enjoy today.

## The Long and Winding Road: The Story of the Beatles

**Instructor:** Chuck Gunderson | **Date:** Tuesday, 7/23/2024, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. | **Format:** 1-day course/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99807

Learn the story of the most popular band of all time, The Beatles. This lecture will cover all the highlights of the group's illustrious career from birth to their eventual break-up in 1970. Topics include the pre-fame period and their rise out of obscurity in Liverpool to their meteoric ride to the top of Pop! This multimedia lecture will cover all the important milestones along with the little-known facts and stories of the Fab Four.

## Navigating News in the Digital Age

**Instructor:** Martin Kruming | **Date:** Wednesday, 8/7/2024, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. | **Format:** 1-day course/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99808

In an era where the media's influence is unparalleled, it's crucial to understand who shapes today's media landscape. We'll uncover the intricacies of news consumption and the nuances between fake and real news while examining its origins and influence on our society and global landscape.

Join us for an enlightening journey where we examine the multifaceted nature of news sources, each with its own unique agenda. Discover how you, as an engaged citizen, can navigate the media landscape, whether you prefer CNN or Fox, The New York Times or Wall Street Journal, or tune in to NPR or Tucker Carlson.

This candid and honest course invites you to join a thought-provoking conversation about the evolving role of media in our lives. Gain the tools to critically analyze news, decode biases, and make informed decisions.

## Crime and Punishment in Prohibition Era San Diego

**Instructor:** Richard Carrico | **Date:** Mondays, 6/17/2024 – 6/24/2024, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **Format:** 2-week lecture/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$49  
**Schedule No.** 99809

Today the media plays up rising crime statistics (which are not actually true) and seem to invoke a culture of fear. But what do we know about crime in early eras? In the course, students will learn about the alarming crimes committed in supposedly bucolic San Diego in the early 1930s. Students will be immersed in murders, kidnappings, and police corruption rampant in Depression-Era San Diego. Not just a listing of crimes, the class will dive deep into the music, mores, and culture of the period.

## Journey Through the Middle East: A Visual Tour

**Instructor:** Bill Slomanson | **Date:** Monday, 6/17/2024, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. | **Format:** 1-day lecture/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99810

Most of us have studied the Middle East in a variety of educational contexts. We are aware of the conflicts. But we could all benefit from: (1) traveling there; or (2) being taken there via this photo presentation of some spectacular venues, and discussion about the (primarily non-political) history of the "Bible Belt:" Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and Palestine. Did you ever wonder about what that area of the world actually looks like? Why is it a tourist hot spot for sophisticated travelers? Enrolling in this course will yield the ability to more intelligently think and communicate about the Middle East.

## Politics & Current Events

### Tijuana and San Diego: Understanding Our Neighbors: Similarities and Differences Between Two Cities That Are Needed

**Instructor:** Alejandro Castaneda | **Date:** Tuesday, 7/9/2024, 9 – 11 a.m. | **Format:** 1-day course/ONLINE

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99811

The history of Tijuana is long and hazy, marked by danger and humility. It has been a playground for indulgences allowed in Mexico but not in the U.S., primarily coming from San Diego."

"How much do we truly understand our neighbors to the south? How much do they understand us? A bit of history and name semantics. Who arrived first? Who came later? What is the history of both cities? Is there really any mutual benefit, or is one of these cities merely an anchor for the development of the other?

### How to Critically Listen and Read the News These Days

**Instructor:** Alejandro Castaneda | **Date:** Tuesday, 8/6/2024, 9 – 11 a.m. | **Format:** 1-day course/ONLINE

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99812

In 2024, we can be overwhelmed by mass communications,

TV and radio advertisements, and cell phone messages from political campaigns, candidates proposals, and electoral news. Some of these messages are factual, others are false. We will be exposed to debates and town hall confrontations. Great philosophical minds gave us the tools to unravel the complexities of these concepts in a way that doesn't hurt us. This short program will give you the tools to accomplish that mastery via the comprehension of syllogisms and the sophism of the sentences.

## What The Supreme Court Decided!: Behind This Term's Biggest Rulings

**Instructor:** Glenn Smith | **Dates:** Fridays, 7/12/2024 – 8/2/2024, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **Format:** 4-week course/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$69  
**Schedule No.** 99813

At the end of June, the Supreme Court will have handed down many highly controversial and consequential decisions on gun rights, abortion medication access, social media regulation, state bans on candidate ballot access, federal regulatory authority, and (probably) presidential immunity from prosecution. Would you like a more nuanced understanding of these decisions than media coverage and punditry will likely provide? In each class, you will delve into the context in which two or three decisions arose and were argued. And, you'll understand the short- and long-term consequences for our society, economy and legal system. And you'll have fun doing it!

## U.S. Foreign Policy & The 2024 Election

**Instructor:** David Bame | **Dates:** Fridays, 7/19/2024 – 8/9/2024, 1 – 3 p.m. | **Format:** 4-week course/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$69  
**Schedule No.** 99814

Have you wondered what today's world events mean for you, and your vote in November? Join us to sort through the crises and confusion in Gaza, Ukraine, China, and elsewhere. Guided by a retired American diplomat with decades working and negotiating across the globe, we'll look at the issues of most concern to you through enjoyable stories and respectful discussions. Whatever your politics and experience, you'll have the chance to contribute your own views, and learn from others. Get the information and analyses you need to make your own choices this fall and beyond.

## San Diego History of Transportation Development 1956 to Present: A Community Perspective

**Instructor:** Bruce Urquhart | **Date:** Tuesday, 6/18/2024, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. | **Format:** 1-day course/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99815

Have you ever wondered how and why highway alignments

were selected in San Diego? We'll discover how routes have evolved from the 1950s, when engineers drew a "pencil line" on a map, to the complex processes of today. We will discuss past routes where community and environmental concerns were not a high priority, including ones where neighborhood activists stopped projects that would have bisected their communities. Today, community feedback and environmental aspects play critical roles in project development. Please join us on this journey exploring how our communities were built around and often through the network of routes that we use today. Students will compare and contrast how highways have affected communities in San Diego. They will learn how a highway can affect a community both positively and negatively. We will discuss why some communities seem to have more than their share of highways. They will learn the different environmental aspects that shape the routes. Students will learn the method used for route selection in the past and learn about the current method of project development that creates better neighborhoods where transportation and communities co-exist. Lastly, students will be asked if highways affected their choice of the community where they live.

## Sciences

### 80 Million Years of Southern California Geology

**Instructor:** Carole Ziegler | **Format:** **Date:** Tuesday, 7/9/2024, 1 – 3 p.m. | 1-day lecture/In-person (Extended Studies Center)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99816

Learn the role that Plate Tectonics has played in shaping Southern California. A brief introduction to some basic geology will also be included.

### Successful Vegetable Gardening

**Instructor:** David Boucher | **Date:** Wednesday, 7/12/2024, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. | **Format:** 1-day lecture/In-person (Extended Studies)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$20  
**Schedule No.** 99817

How to have a successful, satisfying vegetable gardening experience. This presentation will cover the basics and special tips in backyard, organic vegetable gardening. This includes proper soil, watering and fertilizing, what, when and how to start vegetable plants from seed and from started plants, and pest control.

## Members Only Courses

### Bugs and their Bizarre Biology

**Instructor:** Brian O'Neill, Ph.D. | **Date:** Mondays, 7/8/2024 - 8/12/2024, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | **Format:** 6-week lecture/ONLINE (Osher Online)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$50 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$60

### Schedule No. 99818

Join this class to delve into the world of bugs, creepy crawlies, and anything without a backbone. Bugs are interesting, not gross (ok, maybe a little), and understanding their outlook on life can, in turn, change how we perceive the world. Based on biological principles, this course will explore these animals in our lives, society, homes, and even our bodies. Discussions and activities will be a part of every class to more deeply engage in how these creatures go about their lives.

### James Baldwin: Speaking to US at 100

**Instructor:** Catherine Frank, Ph.D. | **Dates:** Thursdays, 7/11/2024 – 8/15/2024, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | **Format:** 6-week lecture/ONLINE (Osher Online)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$50 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$60  
**Schedule No.**99819

American writer James Baldwin (1924-1987) may be best known as an activist and essayist, but he was also a groundbreaking writer of novels and short stories. While he was born 100 years ago, his voice sounds fresh, urgent, and relevant to our evolving understanding of what it means to be American. We will read two of Baldwin's novels, *Go Tell It on the Mountain* and *Giovanni's Room*, in which he explores race, religion and sexuality. We will analyze Baldwin's unique voice and talent as a writer. Together we will discuss the ways Baldwin uses his fiction to help us understand what connects us as human beings, despite our differences.

Prerequisites: Participants should be willing to read and engage with complex texts addressing challenging subjects.

Required textbooks (all by James Baldwin): *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (1952), ISBN: 978-0375701870 and *Giovanni's Room* (1956), ISBN: 978- 0141032948

### An Introduction to the National Park System

**Instructor:** Constantine Dillon | **Date:** Wednesdays, 7/10/2024 – 8/14/2024, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | **Format:** 6-week lecture/ONLINE (Osher Online)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$50 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$60  
**Schedule No.**99820

There are more than 400 parks in the National Park System spanning 11 time zones. Have you ever wondered how a place becomes a park, what it takes to manage a park, or why there are so many different types of parks? Take a behind-the-scenes look at the National Parks as we reveal the laws, regulations, policies, and practices of managing these special places of American nature and history. Explore both famous and lesser-known parks and prepare yourself for your next park visit with a better understanding of fees, costs, lodging and camping opportunities, reservation systems, and best times to visit. National parks are in the news almost every day. Become a national park "insider" by learning more about these memorable places.

### The Great Films From the 1920s to the 1960s

**Instructor:** Jeremy Fackenthal, Ph.D. | **Dates:** Tuesdays,

7/9/2024 – 8/13/2024, 10 – 11:30 a.m. | **Format:** 6-week lecture/ONLINE (Osher Online)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$50 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$60

### Schedule No.99821

This course will give an introduction to film movements and some of the greatest films made (according to critics...but you can judge for yourself) from the 1920s to the 1960s. We will begin by discussing how and where films were made in the 1920s and how the filmmaking process evolved over the next 40+ years. We will also cover what to look for as you watch the films selected for the course. During weeks 2 through 6, we will watch at least one film during the week, and then during the class session will unpack the film in terms of style, story, filmmaking technique, and impact on society and culture. Over the six weeks of the course you will discover some of the best films made and learn about what makes them great.

### Women Psychoanalysts: Stories and Theories

**Instructor:** Oliva Espin | **Dates:** Tuesdays, 7/9/2024 – 8/13/2024, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | **Format:** 6-week lecture/ONLINE (Osher Online)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$50 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$60  
**Schedule No.**99822

The women included in this course were practitioners of psychoanalysis and wrote extensively about their work. These women have been selected because of the significance of their thought for psychoanalytic practice. Some of them were ostracized by other psychoanalysts and the importance of their thought may have been neglected, ignored, or forgotten, and their work may have been derogated. We will articulate what is different about the contributions of women to psychoanalytic theory. And we will concentrate on women who were considered important: Karen Horney, Melanie Klein, Anna Freud, Ana Maria Rizzuto and others. The goal of this series is to bring out the indisputable contributions of these four women to psychoanalysis and the practice of psychotherapy.

### The World's Fascination with the Automobile

**Instructor:** Pandora Paul Sardon | **Dates:** Saturdays, 7/13/2024 – 8/17/2024, 8 – 9:30 a.m. | **Format:** 6-week lecture/ONLINE (Osher Online)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$50 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$60  
**Schedule No.**99823

The automobile has shaped the way we conduct modern life — from the way we eat our meals down to the songs we sing. It is endlessly fascinating to learn where we have come from and where we are going on our automotive journey. This course will make relevant the impact of the automobile on our everyday lives so even those who do not tout the title of "gearhead" may enjoy the experience and walk away with more knowledge and insight into our world than they had before.

## Special Events

### Osher Summer 2024 Semester Kickoff and Course Preview

**Instructor:** Osher at SDSU Staff | **Date:** Friday, 6/7/2024, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **Format:** 1-day/In-person (Extended Studies Rm 206)

**Annual Member Fee:** \$0 | **Semester Member Fee:** \$0  
**Schedule No.**

Join Osher at SDSU for an exciting Summer 2024 Semester Kickoff and Course Preview event! Get a sneak peek into our diverse range of captivating courses. Meet passionate faculty, explore course highlights, and connect with fellow learners. Experience the joy of lifelong learning in a welcoming and enriching environment. Plan your educational journey and embark on a rewarding semester of growth. Don't miss out on this inspiring event!



# Registration Form | Osher Institute at SDSU



Please register in advance for all courses and activities. Use one registration form per person. Membership is required each term to register for Osher offerings, unless otherwise noted by course.

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**SDSU Alumni**      Yes      No

**New Members**, if you were referred by a current Osher member, please tell us who \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**, I plan to park on campus; my car's license plate number is: \_\_\_\_\_

| Membership             |  | Fee  |
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| Single Term Membership | (available at the beginning of Spring, Summer, or Fall term) | \$50 |

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| <p><b>Contribution to Support the Osher Institute at SDSU (optional donation)</b>      \$</p> <p><i>(Separate check payable to The Campanile Foundation / Designation: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute)</i></p> <p>I've included the Osher Institute at SDSU in my estate plan (and haven't previously notified you).<br/>I'd like more information about estate and gift planning.</p> |
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Cash      Check\*      Visa      Mastercard      American Express      Discover

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