

OLLI at Emory Instructor Listing, updated April 2025.

Abramovits, Emanuel: Mechanical Engineer with an MBA and has been a concert promoter since 2000, directly involved in many events by international artists, like Itzhak Perlman, Gustavo Dudamel, Sarah Brightman, Roger Hodgson, ASIA, Journey, Kenny G and many more. He designed and staged many original orchestral events, including an Event of the Year winner and several world premieres. He served as the Cultural Director at UNION ISRAELITA DE CARACAS from 2008 to 2019, releasing books, organizing film cycles, concerts and art exhibits. He has been consistently teaching online and in presence across the US since 2020.

Ahuja, Nutan: National Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach, holds certifications from Emory University and Stanford University. With over 15 years of teaching experience, she's also a Chair Yoga instructor, Reiki master, Energy and Wellness healer, and Ikebana instructor. Committed to alternative healings, she integrates holistic philosophies into her approach.

Her research focuses on heart rate variability and its positive transformations. This knowledge forms the basis of her teaching style, which seamlessly integrates body, mind, and heart.

Allen, Bill: Bill began his lifelong generalist love of history, literature, popular culture, and musical theater while getting his history and English degrees at the University of Louisville. After teaching at colleges in Kentucky and Indiana, he studied at the University of London (Royal Holloway College) and received the Master of Philosophy degree in English Language and Literature with a 500-page dissertation on W. S. Gilbert (Gilbert and Sullivan). Later he received a Master of Librarianship degree from Emory and did doctoral studies in the Institute of the Liberal Arts where he wrote a long, well-received essay on American lyricist E. Y. (Yip) Harburg. He held a research and archives position in the CNN Library for 19 years. Since retirement, he says dramatic and lyrical writing and teaching his special interest courses at OLLI-Emory now give him great pleasure and satisfaction. He has been doing so since 2008.

Anderson, Tameka: America's F.U.N. (Finding Unmet Needs) Coach, serial entrepreneur, and best-selling author of the no-holds-barred books *The Confident Leader & Parenting the Confident Child* and new book *You're It*.

Holding her passion for a strong family, people, and children close, Anderson set out to develop programs focused on creating transformational leadership, in effective households, schools, and communities.

Her P.E.O.P.L.E. principles help parents, leaders, and entrepreneurs understand the importance of putting people first to achieve win-win, lasting success.

Bayne, John: Tennessee native and Clemson graduate with a decades-long interest in opera. He has previously taught OLLI courses on Verdi, Mozart, Strauss, early operas, American operas, and others. He is retired from AT&T, and lives in Atlanta's Old Fourth Ward.

Bernat, Robin: Experimental filmmaker and writer, and, from 2010 -2012, the owner and curator of Poem 88 gallery in Atlanta, Georgia. Her work has been exhibited locally, regionally, and nationally and has been collected by many important institutions including The Whitney Museum of American Art, The Kemper Museum of Art, the Library of the Art Institute of Chicago, The High Museum of Art, MOCA-GA, and The Weatherspoon Museum. Working primarily in film and video, Bernat's work explores the fleeting and the provisional.

Brisotto, Alessandra: Born and raised in Prato, close to Florence, Italy. After completing her studies, she worked for a travel agency for 10 years. She then moved to Bergamo, 25 miles east of Milan, where she worked for a travel agency and an airline company, before moving to the United States with her husband Paolo. She lived in Tampa Bay, Florida, for 10 years until she moved to Alpharetta, where she taught private Italian lessons. She currently teaches Italian to an advanced class at Italiano Language Center in Sandy Springs, and has now joined OLLI at Emory. She has two children, 21-year-old Marta and 16-year-old Pietro, both bilingual. She spends every summer with them visiting the family in Italy. She loves cats (she has two), playing tennis, and reading novels.

Camerino, Carol: Carol Camerino is an experienced Mah Jongg teacher with a passion for helping participants joyfully discover all there is to learn about this most wonderful tile game. With a background in teaching and corporate learning and development, she strives to make each class fun, memorable, and inviting.

Campos, Peter: I was trained as a Clinical Psychologist and was formerly on faculty at Emory Medical School's Psychiatry Department and SUNY-Binghamton's Psychology Department. I taught undergraduate and graduate level courses for over 35 years and ran a private research and evaluation consulting firm for 20 years. I now enjoy retirement spending my time teaching classes and volunteering at OLLI at Emory, as well enjoying Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, writing, learning languages, and traveling.

Carlin, Enid: I have a master's degree in history and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Georgia. I have been in private practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist for over 35 years and have taught self-awareness classes through Brandeis University.

Carr, Kathleen: Kathleen Carr is a mom, wife, daughter, colleague and friend who considers herself very fortunate to have found support for her journey through the "Sandwich Generation" phase. From her journey in teaching, in creating professional education programs for The World Trade Institute at The Port Authority of NY & NJ, in finance and insurance creating risk mitigation programs for international investments and transaction for AIG insureds, and in teaching about choices for more sustainable living through Greener Approach LLC, Kathleen brings her cohorts together to share a means for embracing and encountering this multi-faceted and challenging life stage.

Christian, Daniel: Dan has taught Dante for over forty (40) years. In addition, he has had the opportunity to deliver numerous public presentations on the Divine Comedy, mostly while living and teaching in Baltimore, MD. Furthermore, Dan has published a few essays in scholarly journals, *Lingua Romana* from BYU and *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching* out of Wichita State University, and he recently released an extended review of a new Dante book by poet Seth Steinzor, *Once Was Lost*. Finally, Dan created and edited a first-of-its-kind anthology of essays by high school students inspired by Dante which promotes writing from young people who not only read Dante with care but also courageously “let Dante read them.”

Cohen, Howard: Howard has 35 years of experience in the music industry. He taught music at the American School in Rio De Janeiro, managed the Rizzoli International Music company, and was owner of an International Records and Music company.

Converse, June: June's fiction revolves around trauma recovery and PTSD. Drawing on her own experiences, she is able to portray the mind of someone fighting to live a full life today regardless of what happened yesterday. Like her characters, June is continuously reaching for hope. She blogs openly at JuneConverse.com about her bipolar diagnosis and its impact on her and her family. She teaches a variety of writing courses in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) programs at both Emory University and Kennesaw State University.

Cooper, Jerome: Jerome is a founding principal and chairman of Cooper Carry, Inc. a 53 year-old architectural firm with offices in Atlanta, Washington, DC, and New York. He was a recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship and studied at the Universita di Roma in Rome, Italy. He has been honored with the Bernard B. Rothschild Award, the highest award granted by the Georgia Association AIA, as well as the Ivan Allen Award for Community Services. Under his leadership his firm has received over 100 design awards.

Costello, Judith: Judith Mann Costello is a native of Oak Park, Illinois, where she divided her first 20 years between the family bookstore founded by her grandfather and the Frank Lloyd Wright home where she was raised. She has lived in NYC, Florida, and Michigan, and, since 1984, in the Atlanta area. Educated at

Northwestern University and Hunter College, she holds a degree in Music Journalism from the University of South Florida. Following a long career as a classical music host for NPR stations WUSF and WFBE, Judith spent 25 years as academic and political officer for the Canadian Consulate General in Atlanta, retiring in 2013.

Davis, Bonnie: Bonnie Davis is a consultant and trainer who is most fulfilled when helping improve the lives of others. Her service mark is Communicate. Train. Transform. Bonnie has more than 30 years of experience in technical and business communication and training. She has worked as a contractor or consultant for clients including ADP, Atlanta Gas Light Resources, AT&T Mobility, Ceridian, Cingular, Cox Communications, Geac, IBM, Infor, The Home Depot, and Procter & Gamble. Early in her career, Bonnie worked as a college journalism instructor, a reporter for a daily newspaper, and a technical writer and trainer for Southern Company Services and Georgia Power Company. Bonnie's workshops and presentations have received high praise as informative, engaging, and entertaining. She has designed and produced hundreds of communication deliverables, including articles, reports, technical manuals, software online help, and print and online training. She has received awards from clients and peers, including the top honors of Distinguished and Best of Show from the Society for Technical Communication.

Davis, Liza: Dr. Liza Davis received her Ph.D. in English from Emory University in 1980 and subsequently taught literature courses at the University of Alabama in Huntsville before marrying, returning to Atlanta, and continuing her teaching career at Kennesaw State University. For 20 years she served as KSU's Undergraduate Honors Director, retiring in 2016. Now Professor Emerita of English, she has taught interdisciplinary courses on topics ranging from utopian/dystopian literature to the intersections between literature and science (a good excuse to teach *Frankenstein*). But she has also enjoyed offering classes on eighteenth-, nineteenth-, and twentieth-century British and American poetry; on Arthurian literature and film; and on "Great Books" in world literature.

Dell, Tom: My interest in Rock and Roll and music in general began in Atlanta in 1957 when I got my Stella four string guitar. Bands I was in played many high schools and colleges in the Southeast, along the East coast and we played clubs in Florida, Atlanta and New York. I graduated from Georgia State University earning a BBA after serving six years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. My working career involved being a working musician, owning and operating a retail stereo equipment store, industrial sales of digital and fiber optic telephony hardware to the various operating telephone companies, sales management at the vice-president level, and building a functioning marketing department for a fiber optic equipment manufacturer.

deMan, George: George is a published poet, essayist and sculptor - - and has taught all three as interactive courses. His career was in advertising, but his major accomplishments are in the area of

cultural developments: A Founder of the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Co-chairman of Emory's MARBL Board, Pres. of Out of Hand Theater, and Friends of Emory Forests. He lives near Emory where he has solo maintenance of several acres of pristine forest, travels widely, continues to publish, and is a Teaching Consultant for Emory.

Drake, Robert: Robert Drake is a long time OLLI instructor and Artistic Director of the Academy Theatre. He also produces improv comedy, radio theatre, and occasionally works as a journalist.

Drue, Abby: Abby is a seasoned facilitator and cognitive behavioral development coach. Her career in social justice spans over four decades of achievement and experience. She has a respected understanding of community relations, conflict resolution and social outreach programs. A gifted educator and lecturer, Abby was named by the Anti-Defamation League as "Woman of Achievement" for her work in the full spectrum of human rights issues. As Executive Director of the Ben Marion Institute, Abby often finds herself in national and international arenas of social justice activity.

Emmons, Charles: Charles Emmons is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Gettysburg College, retired 2020. M.A. Anthropology, U. of Illinois; PhD Sociology, U. of Illinois, Chicago. His main interests are in the sociology of science, religion, medicine, and mass media and popular culture. His books include "Guided by Spirit" (on spirit mediumship, with Penelope Emmons, 2003), "Chinese Ghosts Revisited" (2017), "At the Threshold" (on UFO researchers, 1997), "Hong Kong Prepares for 1997" (on Hong Kong politics, 1987), and "Back in Our Day" (nostalgic autobiography, 2016).

Flinchum, Gerald: History instructor in the Kennesaw and Emory University Olli Programs. Teach up to 21 different history courses to include two music history classes with a third in the planning stage.

Franks, Jennifer: Jen has 17 years of experience in the Senior Living industry, specializing in Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Personal Care Home placement. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Art, Psychology, and Philosophy from Valdosta State University. Jen is passionate about creative problem-solving and values handling each family with dignity and care. She is dedicated to finding the best match for every situation. In her free time, Jen facilitates a Parkinson's Support Group, volunteers for Meals on Wheels, and serves on the Pathways to Leadership Planning Committee (Atlanta Neuroscience Foundation).

Friedman, Ross: I have been a teacher for over 50 years and have taught over a dozen classes at OLLI over the years. I know what I'm doing, and my students and I have a good time.

Garcia, Edward: He holds both an under graduate work and graduate degree from New York University. His post graduate work was conducted at the Institute for Advanced Study in Rational Emotive Therapy. He worked extensively with Dr. Albert Ellis, one of the nation's top Cognitive/Behavior psychologists. Upon completion of his four year internship, he was appointed Co-Director of Clinical Training. A position he held for five years until his move to Atlanta, Georgia.

Gearhart, Sarah: My art journey started with pottery and canvas painting, but grew into so much more. I love creating things out of reclaimed wood, making sassy stickers and cards, and sharing my love of painting with others.

In addition to art, I'm passionate about hockey, Georgia Southern University, true crime documentaries, the Atlanta Falcons and Braves, buying all the house plants, and being the coolest auntie to the 3 best kids around.

Gelinas, Timothy: Tim is a graduate of UGA. With over 25 years of experience, Tim has been diligently meeting the needs of his clients. He specializes in helping retirees and those about to retire preserve & protect their assets. He has won the Five Star Wealth Manager award 13 times along with other awards and recognitions.

Giannasca, Antonella: I have been teaching Italian for 26 years since I moved to the States. I love my language and my culture. My great love is to be able to teach Italian to my students and share the love that I have with them. I was born and raised in Rome, Italy and I have been a Tour Director for many years, and I love to teach and prepare my students for their trips.

Gillon, Clive: Clive Gillon is a citizen of 3 countries and has worked in the IT and Communications industries for almost 5 decades. He has 20+ years of technical, marketing and management experience in each of the USA and Canada. His formal teaching experience covers a wide range of topics including sales techniques, operating systems and hockey. For OLLI, he teaches courses on Canada, Evolution and British History. Clive holds a B.Math degree from the U. of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.

Glassman, Fred: Frederick J. Glassman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa and a juris doctorate degree from the University of California Los Angeles. Fred is one of the pioneers in the collaborative law movement starting in California and now existing throughout the United States. He was President of Los Angeles Family Law Association in 2007 and 2008 and of California Collaborative Practice, the state organization, in 2013 and 2014. He is the author of "Advocacy Redefined" and "Don't Hate! Collaborate". He taught courses for the UCLA Department of Legal Programs on collaboration and mediation and appeared on Time-Warner Public Television. Fred was a frequent speaker and panel member for the American Bar Association and the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

He was a registered observer on the National Law Committee for the Uniform Collaborative Law Act. He was selected by his peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America and Southern California's Best Lawyers; and named "Lawyer of the Year" for collaborative law and mediation in Los Angeles County in 2014. Fred is a recipient of the prestigious Eureka Award for distinguished service given by the State of California Collaborative Association. He has been named in U.S News & World Report best laws firms from 2014 to 2017. Fred has been listed in Martindale Hubbell's Bar Register Lawyers with their highest AV-rating in legal ability and ethical standards.

Harbour, Steven: Steven received his law degree from Columbia University, served as law clerk to the Honorable Lewis R. Morgan, United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, practiced law for over 30 year, was an adjunct professor of business law at Kennesaw State University, and currently is Of Counsel to the law firm of Anderson Dailey LLP in Atlanta.

Herzig, Jane: Attended Smith College - 3 years, Art History Major, Hunter College - BA - Art 1965, MS - SCSU – 1970, MA-Ed - Hartford Art School – 1981, Created - Art HERstory with Jane Keller Herzig - 11 session course on women artists, whose work today is being honored - starting with Sofonisba Anguissola, presented course through the Institute of New Dimensions (IND) - College Level Courses from Bergen county (NJ) Seniors

Hing, Allan: Allan is a retired professor who has taught interior design and architecture at a variety of universities here and abroad. He continues to share these subjects in his teaching that include his interest in World Fairs (yes, they are still being held). A born wanderlust - living, studying, and traveling abroad are fulfilling – he has visited over 75 countries. Allan continues his search for beauty and has published articles on Sir John Soane and Carlo Scarpa.

Huang, Alice: Much of “what everyone’s talking about” these days seems to drive us apart, so we wind up more and more talking with only people we agree with about everything. This workshop is an effort to get more of us talking with each other again, so we can learn from each other, even when we disagree. I come to this with a background in biomedical research, and experience designing and conducting workshops and leading discussion groups. I look forward to learning with you about topics we disagree on.

Kerfoot, Roy: Roy Kerfoot is a retired electrical engineer. He worked for major defense contractors, Motorola, and Motorola Solutions.

Roth, Kassie: Programs and Community Outreach Director for Respite Care Atlanta (RCA), hosted at the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. She supervises RCA's adult day program and sponsors RCA's caregiver support groups.

Kassie has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Georgia College and State University and a Master of Social Work from Georgia State University. Previously, she worked for the Marietta Housing Authority, in senior housing, and for Georgia's Division of Aging Services, in Access to Services.

LaRossa, Ralph: Ralph LaRossa is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Georgia State University and the author of, among other works, *The Modernization of Fatherhood: A Social and Political History*; and *Of War and Men: World War II in the Lives of Fathers and Their Families*. He has received grants from the National Science Foundation (principal investigator) and National Institutes of Health (co-investigator) in support of research on the social realities of fatherhood during the Machine Age (1918-1941) and on the experience of becoming a father in contemporary society. He also has done research on the transition to parenthood, the social transformation of childhood, the changing culture and conduct of fatherhood, and the symbolic connection between fatherhood and baseball.

Lee, Georgia: Georgia Lee is an award-winning journalist, editor, writer, and teacher. She was the first Director of Ivy Hall, the SCAD Atlanta Writing Center, from 2009 through April 2014. She won the Atrium Award for Business Reporting from the Henry Grady School of Journalism at UGA and the DIVA Award for Journalism from the Atlanta Apparel Mart. Her short stories have appeared in literary magazines, blogs, and e-book anthologies. She writes grant proposals, website copy, and media materials. She judges literary competitions and mentors graduate students in writing, editing, and polishing theses. She is a content and line editor, helping new writers to take a book from conception to publication. In 2009, she launched The Ivy Hall Writers Series, featuring esteemed and beloved authors in personal appearances. Among them were Margaret Atwood, Richard Ford, the late Elmore Leonard, Augusten Burroughs, and Bret Easton Ellis. She is V.P., of community outreach at the Atlanta Writers Club and teaches Memoir at OLLI, a continuing education division of Emory University. She is at work on a novel and a memoir and lives in Atlanta.

Mackey, Colin: I was a middle school English teacher for 25 years splitting time between Holy Innocents' Episcopal School and Westminster, both in Atlanta. During this time, I pursued my passion for film by developing a Screenwriting elective course. I attended NYU for a program on incorporating film into the English classroom and I founded the Alfred Hitchcock club at Westminster where students learned film history through the works of Hitchcock.

McDavid, Michael: Michael McDavid grew up in Greenville, SC, and has lived in Atlanta for the past 50 years. He has been interested in history since the second grade. His interest in food is even older. Over the years his primary historical focus settled on Europe; although if it happened in the past, it was of

potential interest. Michael majored in history as an undergrad at Furman University then received masters degrees in European history and library science from Emory University. He was a library manager at Equifax Inc and Georgia State University. During that time to satisfy his historical itch Michael taught history at Georgia Perimeter College as an adjunct faculty member. Now after retiring from the Boston Consulting Group, he is privileged to offer courses at Emory's OLLI program on a variety of history-related topics.

Mengert, Jim: Jim has an AB from Princeton University; a Ph.D. from Yale University; and was Teacher of the Year at University of Mississippi. Jim served as the Vice-President for Speakeasy Inc. He has authored articles in scholarly journals on the poetry of John Milton and co-authored books on effective communication with Sandy Linver (published by Simon & Schuster).

Miller, Jay: Jay Miller has taught two courses on Faulkner novels for OLLI at Emory. He has also taught five courses on Faulkner novels for OLLI at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and several for OLLI at Duke University. He has studied Faulkner's life and visited his hometown of Oxford Mississippi on occasion. A retired lawyer, Miller received his B.A. degree from Duke and law degree from the University of Arizona.

Milsteen, Jeff: Jeff is an attorney who served as Chief Deputy Attorney General of Georgia for nineteen years before his retirement in 2017. He also served as Vice President and General Counsel of Kennesaw State University in 2018-19. Jeff graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from Johns Hopkins University and received his law degree from the Emory University School of Law, where he served as Managing Editor of the Emory Law Journal. Jeff is an avid photography enthusiast and enjoys world travel.

Morris, Everett: Everett Morris runs a law firm focused on tax, estate, and other wealth management legal issues. As a CFP® with an MBA and several years of experience as a financial advisor, Everett brings a big picture perspective to his clients.

Khoshbin, Jean (JP): Khoshbin, Artist, instructor

J.P. has been sketching and painting since he was first able to hold a pencil and a brush. He took his passion for art and design to school and became a registered architect, designing everything from homes to laboratory spaces. He has taught design workshops at various universities and institutions both in the US and internationally.

Having lived in the DC metropolitan area most of his life, he exhibited and sold his paintings and artwork at numerous spaces there, including the NIH Clinical Center Art Gallery in Rockville, Maryland. He has

also been juried and exhibited by a group of national and international artists at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, Virginia.

Although he has worked with oil, acrylic and other media, he is fascinated by the freedom and looseness that watercolor offers as a medium. He is intrigued by the "let's see what happens" element when he works with watercolor.

J.P. recently retired from the National Cancer Institute where he worked as the Director of Space and Facilities. He and his wife moved to Decatur last year to be closer to his family and grandchildren.

Pagliasotti, James: James Pagliasotti at age 23 became the first rock music critic and columnist for The Denver Post, where he produced a twice-weekly column and regular articles about music and the counterculture from 1968-74. His work appeared in Rolling Stone magazine and various other publications. He also did shows as a deejay at KRNW-FM radio in Boulder and at KFML AM&FM in Denver. He is the author of three books, a bi-monthly newsletter and blog jamespagliasotti.substack.com, and is the creator of Radical Radio: FREEFORM Radio Archive (www.radicalradio.media).

Parks, Bert: Bert Parks has lived in Atlanta most of his life. He participated in the Civil Rights Movement in Atlanta in the 1960's and 70's, working closely with Howard Zinn. He received his MA from Georgia State University. He did his PhD dissertation at NYU on Saul Bellow. He has taught literature, film, and screen writing at Georgia State, NYU and Morehouse. He sold an original screen play to the actor Stuart Whitman, a Deliverance type adventure film taking place in South Georgia. He also owned Atlanta Trailer City, with 1000 tenants, for 18 years. He has taught over 30 different classes at OLLI at Emory since 2007.

Parks, Jill: Jill Fein Parks was born and raised in San Francisco, California. She holds a BA degree in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley and did graduate work in education at the University of Arizona and Arizona State University. She taught in the public schools for several years in Rhode Island, Arizona, and Florida. She left teaching to become the first female switchman for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Salt Lake City in the early 1990's.

Phillips, Scott: Currently working for Forbes, I published my first film review in 1988 when I was a student at the University of Georgia's Grady School of Journalism. For the last three years, I've reviewed films and written about filmmakers for two CBS affiliates with audiences stretching across Alabama, Florida and Georgia. I'm currently the President of the Southeastern Film Critics Association (SEFCA). I'm a Rotten Tomatoes-approved critic and have memberships in the Atlanta Film Critics Circle, the Georgia Film Critics Association, and the Online Film Critics Society. I scour the festival circuit every year looking for

those under-the-radar gems that so often get overlooked. I've spent years recommending quality films so my readers can spend their precious spare time watching films instead of hunting for them.

Ratonyi, Robert: Robert Ratonyi, born in Budapest in 1938, survived the Holocaust despite his parents being deported to concentration camps. Raised under Soviet rule, he fled Hungary after the 1956 uprising and immigrated to Canada in 1957. In Montreal, he restarted his life, learned English, and pursued engineering studies, later transferring to MIT for his BSc. and MSc. degrees. He also earned an MSc. in management from Drexel University, leading to a successful business career with major corporations like GE and Xerox. In 1986, he founded his own merger & acquisition business in Atlanta and worked as an investment banker in Budapest post-Iron Curtain. Now semi-retired, he speaks about his Holocaust experiences to students and communities across Georgia and is an active supporter of the arts, education, and Jewish organizations in Atlanta, where he lives with his wife

Raynor, Denise: B. Denise Raynor MD MPH is Professor Emeritus, Emory University School of Medicine in the Department of OB/GYN as a perinatologist. She remains an adjunct professor in Emory College Department of Psychology. She also has an MPH from Harvard School of Public Health in General Hospital Management.

Rehkop, Angela: Angie is an actively practicing Financial Advisor working in Atlanta for over 30 years. She loves helping people better understand the fundamentals of investments, taxes, estate planning and social security.

Richards, Charlie: Charles M. Richards – B.A. in English from Davidson College in 1970, J.D. from Emory Law School in 1975. Retired from the Georgia Attorney General's Office in 2013 after 34 years of service in various capacities, first in civil litigation, and later as a prosecutor and Director of the Georgia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Study of Civil War history has been a lifelong interest of mine. Born in Decatur, and have lived in Atlanta all my life. Married to the former Peg McGinty, also a native Atlantan, for 55 years. Two children, and nine grandchildren.

Roberts, Peter: Peter J. Roberts is a life-long family historian and retired GSU archivist/associate professor. He has an undergraduate degree in art history from Emory University and a graduate degree in museum education from The George Washington University. He has had an interest in genealogy for about 42 years and has been exploring genetic genealogy for the past 13 years. He is the administrator for the Bahamas DNA Project and three surname DNA projects, namely Roberts, Sasser, and Rustin. He is a past regional coordinator for the Atlanta area for the International Society of Genetic Genealogy. Since July of 2013 he has designed ways to help WikiTree integrate the DNA results of its members. In 2013 he received a "Genetic Genealogy Pioneer" award by Family Tree DNA.

Robkin, Shai: Shai (pronounced “Shy”) Robkin works with small and mid-size business executives to leverage the power of behavioral economics. A serial entrepreneur, Shai, together with his wife Judy, opened in 1981 Israel’s first combination bookstore/coffee shop. They returned to Atlanta in 1984 to care for aging parents, using the proceeds from the sale of the Israeli store to acquire Vernon, a manufacturer and distributor of library supplies. Vernon’s technology division was sold in 2011 to One Equity Partners, a division of JP Morgan. The library supplies part of the company was sold in June 2019. He is an active volunteer on behalf of a number of causes, including instant runoff/ranked choice voting and living kidney donation. His work as a behavioral economist led him to explore behavioral science in general and to start and lead a social psychology podcast club.

Rozzi, James: James Rozzi is a saxophonist and published jazz journalist. He is a retired public school band director (30 years). His feature articles and reviews on jazz have appeared in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, DownBeat, Jazziz, Wired, Coda, Creative Loafing, and Audio. As a saxophonist, he has played with The Temptations, Natalie Cole, and numerous big bands, including those still touring and performing the music of Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey.

Rubin, Cookie: Cookie is a retired public high school teacher of French and ESOL. She has been a student of meditation for over 20 years.

Samoluk, Elizabeth: Elizabeth has worked as an artist throughout her life and professionally since 2010, capturing portrait, figure, animal, still life and landscape motifs! Elizabeth completed an intense ten-year Master Drawing/Painting Program with David Barranti, in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, 2009- 2018, and returned in 2022 to take class once again. She trains in both Eastern and Western Art Technique and Philosophy. She has also studied with William Arthur Herring (Bill) from San Antonio, Texas, by special invitation to paint at Pala Duro Canyon, Texas. In addition, she studies the fabulous work of Bill’s mother, the late Jan Herring, of El Paso, Texas and Cloudcroft, New Mexico. She has spent the last 6 years, prior to COVID, including 2022, traveling and plein aire painting in the fabulous US National Parks and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Saul, Lawrence: Colonel (retired) Lawrence Saul served for 37 years in the US Army, including tours in Germany, Holland, Belgium, England, Kosovo and other locations. He was one of the last veterans of the Vietnam War still serving on active duty when he retired in 2008. A dedicated OLLI volunteer instructor, Saul has taught more than 150 military history courses at Clemson, California State University -San Marcos, Emory, the University of South Carolina - Bluffton, and the University of Georgia. COL Saul has a BA in History from Georgia State University, as well as two master’s degrees. He has extensive experience as a Battlefield Tour Guide and has a BA in History from Georgia State University, as well as two master’s degrees.

Shaffer, Michael: Shaffer works as a Civil War historian, instructor, lecturer, newspaper columnist, and author. He remains a member of the Society of Civil War Historians, Historians of the Civil War Western Theater, Georgia Association of Historians, and Georgia Writers Association.

Shalhoub, Jane: I am a retired educator (MS.Ed) with a background in Literature and The Language Arts. Reader's Theater is a particular favorite genre of mine and I enjoy the collaborative talents and energy that comes with reading aloud and pretending to be a famous actor/actress. Let's start "PLAY-ING" together!

Sherwin, Jay: Jay Sherwin has practiced law, given away money for five charitable foundations and served as a hospital chaplain. In 2019, he created the Life Reflections Project to educate people about legacy writing. Jay has extensive experience facilitating adult learning programs and he has taught this course for OLLI programs nationwide. He has a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD from Northeastern University School of Law.

Siegmann, Bob: Bob has been teaching iPhone camera courses for several years at senior centers in Decatur. As a senior himself, he understands how to effectively guide older adults through the advanced features of this powerful pocket technology. Before retiring, Bob also taught computer courses at Georgia Tech and other local colleges, bringing a wealth of experience to his teaching.

Simon, Steven: Steve has had a lengthy career as a counseling psychologist, administrator, company CEO, university faculty member, journal editor, and writer. He has recently self-published several non-fiction ebooks and print books, including 3 of his own. He is familiar with the current platforms for self-publishing and how to use them (without giving up!!). Steve's company also recently established a new publishing division. He was an active member of the Bay Area Professional Writers Guild (Tampa Bay Area) through which he gave presentations to aspiring writers. He has also written blog articles on writing careers. Steve has a Ph.D. in counseling from Kent State University and a master's in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Florida. He currently is a licensed professional counselor in Georgia, has a private practice in career counseling, does court testimony on disability cases, and is finishing his 5th book, hopefully to be self-published by the time of this course. He has taught graduate courses at Kent State University, The Ohio State University, DePaul University, and the University of South Florida.

Skinner, Beth: Beth is a seasoned educator and public speaker. Holding adjunct faculty positions in Southern California, she has also been a television and radio guest at various points of international inflections when global events. Her education spans religion, politics, and national security, with M.A. in Theology from University of Notre Dame and M.A. in International Diplomacy w/specialization in

transnational terrorism from Norwich University. Additionally, Beth earned certifications as a medication educator and Ayurvedic medicine and health educator which has led to helping those who want to learn stress management skills or pain management tools.

Smith, David: Dr. David E. Smith grew up in the world of fundamentalist religion. As an adult he gradually moved away from that worldview and became a religious progressive/skeptic. After earning an M.A. in philosophy of religion, he received a second M.A. and a Ph.D. in religious studies from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Formerly a full-time philosophy and religious studies faculty member at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA, he now teaches for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Washington and offers independent seminars and personal consultations in comparative religion and philosophy. He has published widely in these areas, as well. His mission is to empower people to think well for themselves about things that matter.

Sollish, Ari: Rabbi Ari Sollish, a noted author and lecturer, is the founder and director of Atlanta's Intown Jewish Academy, a warm learning community that gives participants from a diverse spectrum of life the opportunity to experience the richness and authenticity of Jewish learning and heritage. Before moving to Atlanta in 2006, Rabbi Ari was the Managing Editor at Kehot Publication Society in New York, where among other things -- he worked on transcribing, translating, editing, and preparing ancient Kabbalistic manuscripts for publication. Rabbi Ari lives in Virginia Highlands with his wife Leah and their six children.

Soper, Susan: Susan Soper is a lifelong journalist who has reported and written about murders, school boards, the environment and kidnappings at Newsday in New York before becoming a senior editor at the AJC overseeing 13 feature sections a week. During that time, she spearheaded a series on grief which received an outpouring of reader feedback, sharing and engagement. When her dad died, she created the OBITKIT: Live. Love. Laugh. Cry. Write it down! -- a fill-in-the-link workbook so friends and family aren't caught off guard and will know your final wishes. Be prepared! It's a gift: peace of mind

Spano, Jim: Mr. Spano is a certified Safety and Health Program Manager. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Safety Management Systems from West Virginia University and an undergraduate teaching degree, BA, from Marshall University. He is an authorized National Safety Council and American Red Cross First Aid-CPR-AED instructor.

Spasser, Herbert: Dr. Spasser is a retired dentist and former clinical professor at NYU College of Dentistry. He is a Certified Wine Educator with the Society of Wine Educators and has visited almost all the significant wine regions of the world. He has been giving wine courses in New York, New Jersey, and Atlanta since 1976. He is Bailli Honoraire and Grand/Commandeur of the Atlanta Chaine des Rotisseurs

and was Wine Adviser to the Restaurant Society of New York. He is a wine judge, lecturer and writer and has presented various sessions at meetings and cruises.

Spillman, Kelly: Kelly Spillman is a Psychology professor, storytelling and stand-up comedian. She was the Program Director for Psychology at Gwinnett Technical College before moving to Los Angeles. She continues to teach Psychology at Gwinnett Technical College online and at College of the Canyons in Los Angeles. Kelly has performed on NPR, The Moth, The Improv and The Comedy Store. She is currently performing her one woman show I Blame Florida all over the country.

Starr, Irma: Irma has an accomplished career which includes 30 years effort in the pursuit of social justice and the celebration of human value. Irma is a life coach and certified mediator for the State of Georgia. She holds a Doctorate and M.S. in Human Organization Development, a post masters degree in Gerontology, a M.A. in Guidance and counseling and a B.S. in K-12 Education. Her far-reaching expertise in, and understanding of organizational management, program development, curriculum design, facilitation and training, as well as community relations, has made Irma a sought-after educational consultant and trainer. Aside from teaching on the University level, Irma is a respected lecturer and presenter nationwide at state, regional and national educational conferences and symposiums, as well as public and private school systems. Over the years, Irma has been the recipient of many awards and accolades for her contribution to action, education, and advocacy. Her authenticity, genuine kindness and far reaching sense of what is fair and right, endear her to all who seek her skills and advice.

Steinberg, Karen: Dr. Steinberg received her PhD in experimental pathology from Emory University in 1980 and began working at the National Center for Environmental Health, CDC. She served as Chief of the Molecular Biology Branch from 1991 to 2004. She also served as Acting Director, Office of Women's Health, CDC, from March 1998 through April 1999. From 2004 until 2010 she was Senior Science Officer for the Coordinating Center for Health Promotion which was home for CDC's activities in chronic disease, birth defects, and genomics. She has authored more than sixty peer-reviewed articles on genomics, cancer, osteoporosis, women's health, ethics, and environmental health.

Stephens, Carolyn: While attending seminary (as a nontraditional student), I completed a course on Dreams and Ministry. This course sparked an interest in how God communicates to us through dreams. I have studied dreams for the past 10 years and conducted Dreams Speak Workshops. It is my desire to use my Spiritual Gift of Teaching to equip people with the guidance needed to understand their dreams. Carolyn is also an instructor for AARP Driver Safety Course since 2015, the Smart Driver Technology Workshop since 2017, the Trainer and Marketing Specialists for both Programs.

Stephenson, Ed: I am a native of Charlotte NC. I earned a Bachelor's degree in Zoology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a PhD in Biology from Yale University. I was a biology professor at the University of Rochester and at the University of Alabama. After retiring from the latter institution, I taught several courses in the UA OLLI program. My wife and I moved to Atlanta last year to be closer to family.

Stone, Rick: Richard Stone is a nationally recognized speaker on the power of story and its applications in business, healthcare, and education. He got his start over 30 years ago developing story-based training programs for team building and leadership development and has been a leader in work on narrative reminiscence. He has worked with diverse organizations such as Walt Disney Imagineering, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Hewlett Packard, Eastman Chemical Company, Kraft Foods, and Novant Health. His current work at StoryWork International is focused on using the power of story to assist leaders to transform their organizations and their approach to leading, infusing their work with deeper purpose and meaning. Richard has authored *The Healing Art of Storytelling*, *Stories: The Family Legacy*, *The Kingdom of Nowt*, and co-wrote *The Patient Survival Handbook*. His new book, co-authored with Scott Livengood, entitled *Story Intelligence* was released March 2021. Previously he was the StoryAnalytics Master for the IDEAS Innovation Team, a former division of the Walt Disney Company. Richard also co-created the award-winning board game *Pitch-A-Story* and is an accomplished artist (www.richardstoneart.com). Finally, Richard is a member of the board of PCI Media, an international organization located in New York City committed to improving health, environmental, and social justice outcomes around the world using the power of story.

Swygart-Hobaugh, Mandy: Dr. Mandy Swygart-Hobaugh leads the Georgia State University Library's Research Data Services Department. She hails from the Hoosier state (Indiana), earning her Ph.D. in Sociology from Purdue University, where she focused her doctoral dissertation research on anti-prostitution crusades in Progressive-Era Chicago.

Tarpley, Stephanie: BS in Rehabilitation and Disability Services, Auburn University, MS in Applied Gerontology, Brenau University. I spent over 20 years in Accounting and Management and the past 10 years working with individuals with disabilities and as a Quality Care Manager in homecare. I have been with OLLI at Emory since 2017 and have spent many years involved with OLLI Students and Instructors.

Tauscher, Heidi: Dr. Heidi Tauscher is the founder of Sacred Friends Interfaith, LLC whose mission is to create lasting interfaith friendships through collaborative learning and active healing of divisive community issues. Dr. Tauscher earned her Ph.D. in Religion: Ethics & Society and Master of Divinity from Emory University. She also holds a Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University and a Mediation Certificate from Harvard Law School's Program for Lawyers. Heidi earned a B.A. with honors in International Relations from Rollins College, after completing foreign policy studies at American University in

Washington, D.C. Upon graduation from law school, Heidi practiced law for many years in the State of Florida. She has served as Winter Park City Attorney, a Certified Mediator, and successfully represented clients in civil litigation, most notably before the Florida Supreme Court in *Stefanos v. Rivera-Berrios*, 673 So. 2d 12 (Fla. 1996). Heidi has taught law, public policy, ethics, and religion at Georgia State University, Emory University, Georgia Gwinnett College, and the University of Central Florida. Her honors include the ABA James Boskey National Essay Contest, Emory University's Woodruff and Aquinas Fellowships, the Claude H. Thomas Award for Social Concerns, and the John Fenton Prize for her dissertation.

Tepper, Marla: Marla Tepper is a NYC attorney with decades of experience. Marla served as General Counsel to two large New York City nonprofits, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel to the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, Assistant U.S. Attorney and NYS Assistant Attorney General (specializing in civil rights and consumer protection), and Legal Aid criminal appeals attorney. In addition to teaching housing discrimination law and public policy making, Marla taught consumer protection and health policy at Brooklyn College's Lifelong Learning.

Tirmizi, Sayyid: Sayyid Tirmizi (M.A., M.B.A., Ph.D.) is a former Associate and Adjunct Professor. Sayyid has taught both in the US and abroad. He specializes in South Asian Art, culture, and religion, as well as Islamic art history and culture. He has taught at the University of Tulane at the School of Continuing Education, both at the New Orleans and MS campuses at the City College in New York, OLLI at Rutgers and Emory.

Tribble, Paul: With a background in Anthropology and Social Science, I've spent a lifetime exploring history, culture, and music. My experiences living in Southeast Asia and visiting historical sites worldwide fuel my passion for lifelong learning. I retired from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2011 and am an ardent supporter of public health. As a music enthusiast, I bring depth and passion to topics like American roots music. I enjoy leading discussions that inspire curiosity and foster connection. Join me to explore culture, public health, history, and music in a welcoming and engaging environment!

Vardis, Harry: Harry Vardis is Executive in Residence at Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University and is a qualified trainer and consultant in the Creative Problem-Solving process at the Creative Education Foundation. Harry is a qualified practitioner of the The FourSight Creative Thinking System which supports the people side of innovation. For the past 19 years he has been teaching a course designed for MBA students in schools like Emory University, Kennesaw State University, University of Illinois and two Universities in Mexico City. A course focused on the process, the environment and the people sides of creativity.

Venet, Wendy: Wendy Venet is Professor Emerita of Nineteenth Century U.S. History, Georgia State University. She is the author, editor, or co-editor of eight books. In 2004-2005 she served on the advisory board of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library which opened to the public in Springfield, Illinois in 2005.

Weber, Joshua: Emory University graduate. 30 years wealth management experience with the same global financial service firm. Obtained Certified Financial Planner designation in 2002 and Chartered Financial Consultant certification in 2006. Became a Certified Investment Management Analyst in 2008, a designation offered through the Executive Program at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. In 2019, earned the Certified Private Wealth Advisor designation, one of the premier credentials in wealth management, through the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Wheeler, Jody: Jody Wheeler grew up in Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Music Education. She taught elementary music for several years before going back to the classroom herself to study business and accounting. After a move to Kentucky, Jody began her business career with Fiserv, a financial services corporation. The majority of her roles were in the finance and accounting arenas but she spent several years as a corporate trainer as well. Jody was a VP of Shared Services when she retired after 35 years at Fiserv in 2022. Retirement is a new chapter and she is enjoying spending time with her family and grandchildren, traveling and cooking in her home kitchen.

Whiteman, Mary: Mary is a retired magistrate judge who came of age in the 1960s.

Huang, Alice: Much of what we see in the news these days is driving people apart, which interferes with learning the nuances that are key to working constructively together. This course is my attempt to do something about it. I come to this with a background in biomedical research, and experience designing and conducting workshops and leading discussion groups. I will bring what I have learned from that experience to facilitating discussion among the participants in this workshop, and I look forward to learning with you about the topics we choose to discuss.

Kelley, Greg: Married 47 years, four adult children, three grandchildren. Emory Ph.D. in English, 1990. 40 years teaching experience at the high school and mostly at the college level. Retirement effective Jan. 2025. Rock band: DK & The Hoop Snakes.