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*Jenelle Orcherton, CU Jazz Festival organizer, and Kyle Hunt, jazz trombonist, share festival jazz with OLLI members in recent Jazz at OLLI event.*

# Upcoming Events

## Campus Geology Field Trip

**Steve Marshak**

Saturday, November 9, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Meet in Krannert Center lobby, near Stage 5 (free parking is available in the garage)

During a leisurely walk around a portion of the central campus, we will address the following questions:

- (1) Where do the non-biological materials (natural and manufactured) in the built environment come from?
- (2) What is beneath the ground surface where we're standing; what would we find if we drilled down a few kilometers?
- (3) What are the Mammoth and its Pleistocene Garden supposed to represent?

**Stephen Marshak** received his Ph.D. from Columbia University and was a faculty member in the Department of Geology at the University of Illinois for 35 years. He served as Department Head, and as the Director of the School of Earth, Society, & Environment. Steve has taught a variety of geoscience courses, including some at OLLI. He is the author of *Natural Disasters: Hazards of a Dynamic Planet*; *Earth: Portrait of a Planet*; *Essentials of Geology*; and *Earth Science* (college textbooks published by W.W. Norton).

**To register** for this free event, [log in to your OLLI account](#) with your username and password, choose “**Events 24–25**” under Select Semester, press “Select,” and then select the “Register” button under this event. Click “Checkout,” agree to “Terms of Use,” click “continue” and then “submit.” You will receive a confirmation email once you successfully complete the registration process. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please check your spam folder. If it's not there, please make sure that you completed the registration process by clicking the “submit” button.

## Architecture in the Age of Anthropocene

**Didem Ekici**

Tuesday, November 12, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Osher Classroom & Zoom

This lecture explores a fundamental rethinking of architecture's role and impact in the Anthropocene era. As we grow more attuned to the ways architecture connects humans, non-humans, animate and inanimate entities, and the vast expanse of deep time, we are compelled to reconsider the goals, methods, scholarship, and periodization of architectural history. This reflection urges a radical critique of inherited binaries such as nature and culture, the local and the global, and the animate and inanimate, questioning the very foundations of the field.

Didem Ekici is an Associate Professor in the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she teaches in the areas of Health and Well-Being and History/Theory. She is the author of *Surface, Textile, and German Material Culture* (Bloomsbury, forthcoming in 2025) and co-editor of *Textile in Architecture: From the Middle Ages to Modernism* (Routledge, 2023), *Housing and the City* (Routledge, 2022), and *Healing Spaces, Modern Architecture, and the Body* (Routledge, 2017).

To register for this lecture, [log in to your OLLI account](#) with your username and password, choose "Lectures 2024–2025" under Select Semester, press "Select," and then select the "Register" button under this event. Click "Checkout," agree to "Terms of Use," click "continue" and then "submit." You will receive a confirmation email once you successfully complete the registration process. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please check your spam folder. If it's not there, please make sure that you completed the registration process by clicking the "submit" button.

## Let's Do Dinner and a Movie!

### **Membership Committee**

Friday, November 22, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Big Grove Tavern (5:00) and Virginia Theatre (7:00)

The OLLI Membership Committee invites you to join OLLI members and friends for dinner and a movie on Friday, November 22, 2024. We will meet for dinner at Big Grove Tavern, across the street from the OLLI office. The film is part of the Virginia Theatre's Arthouse Experience. It begins at 7:00 pm and is \$7.00. To purchase tickets, go to <https://thevirginia.org> and click on event listings, locate the movie in upcoming events, and click on buy tickets.

Movie description: When a beautiful first-grade teacher (Olivia Williams) arrives at a prep school, she soon attracts the attention of an ambitious teenager named Max (Jason

Schwartzman), who quickly falls in love with her. Max turns to the father (Bill Murray) of two of his schoolmates for advice on how to woo the teacher. The situation, however, soon gets complicated when Max's new friend becomes involved with her, setting the two pals against one another in a war for her attention. Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZVdXXG3KN8>

To register yourself and a guest –[log in to your OLLI account](#), and search under “Events 24-25” for “Dinner & Movie” (“member” or “guest”). You may register yourself and GUEST(s) from the drop-down menu. OLLI will not charge for these events, as members will need to purchase their movie tickets from the Virginia Theatre website and purchase their own meal at Big Grove Tavern.

**It is important that you register for this event, so we can make an appropriate dinner reservation. If you do not want to be included in the dinner reservation, you do not need to register for this event with OLLI. You can simply purchase your movie ticket and join us at the Virginia Theatre.**

**Registration deadline is Monday, November 18, 2024.**

Hope you will join us!

Best wishes,

OLLI Membership Committee

## **Bank and Cyber Security Essentials**

*Hosted by U of I Community Credit Union and OLLI at Illinois*

Tuesday, December 3, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. (lunch included for those in person)

Location: Osher Classroom and Zoom

This event is free.

In today’s increasingly digital world, understanding how to protect your personal finances from fraud and cyber threats is more important than ever. Join us for an informative one-hour presentation on **Bank and Cyber Security** presented by Susan Toalson McGinty and Zach Gritton on behalf of U of I Community Credit Union.

This session will cover:

- Common types of bank fraud and cyberattacks
- How financial institutions like U of I Community Credit Union protect your accounts

- Practical tips for safeguarding your personal information online and through mobile banking
- What to do if you're a victim of financial fraud

#### Why Attend?

- Learn how to identify and avoid the latest threats to your financial security.
- Understand how banks and credit unions are working to protect you.
- Gain valuable insights on staying secure while banking online.

This presentation is ideal for anyone looking to stay informed and secure in today's digital banking environment. Whether you're managing your own accounts or looking out for loved ones, this session will equip you with essential knowledge to keep your finances safe.

**To register**, choose "**Lectures 2024–2025**" under Select Semester, press "Select," and then select the "Register" button under this event. Click "Checkout," agree to "Terms of Use," click "continue" and then "submit." You will receive a confirmation email once you successfully complete the registration process. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please check your spam folder. If it's not there, please make sure that you completed the registration process by clicking the "submit" button.

**Non-OLLI members may register** by contacting OLLI by email ([olli@illinois.edu](mailto:olli@illinois.edu)) or phone (217-241-9141).

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## Fall Course Evaluations available

**The last of the FALL 2024 COURSES ended this Wednesday. EVALUATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!** To submit evaluations for the courses you took, please click [this](#) link and complete one form for each course. You may also access the form by copying and pasting the link: <https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/347731385>. These evaluations are completely anonymous. Thanks to all of you who submit course evaluations. We appreciate your time and effort in helping OLLI provide high-quality courses to our members each semester. **Deadline for course evaluations: Monday, November 11.**

## Study Group Registration Continues

Registration for Fall Study Groups continues. The sessions will begin on this coming **Monday, November 4**. You can find the complete Fall 2024 schedule [here](#).

**Please note: The War of Ukraine Today Study Group will be offering a Zoom option as well as the in-person option.**

[To register](#) for fall study groups, log in to your OLLI account with your username and password, choose “Study Groups – Fall 2024” under Select Semester, **then press “Select”** and the Registration button under the study group(s) you wish to register for. Each six-session study group costs \$20. Complete “Checkout,” agree to “Terms of Use,” click “continue” and then “submit.” **You will receive an email confirmation as soon as you have completed the entire registration process.** If you do not receive an email confirmation, please make sure that you completed the registration process by clicking the “submit” button. If you register for Zoom format, your Zoom link, which will be used for all the sessions, will be in your confirmation email.

## Call for Winter Study Group Proposals

Are you interested in exploring a specific topic as part of an interactive, member-proposed, and facilitated conversation? If so, please consider leading or co-leading an OLLI study group during the fall or winter session. **Each session is six weeks in duration. Winter study groups begin on Monday, January 6, 2025 and end on Monday, February 17, 2025.**

**OLLI study group proposals for the winter session are due on Friday, November 15, 2024.**

To make the submission process even easier, we have updated our online submission forms. The link to access the form for a winter study group is here: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/918274121>.

OLLI study groups are typically smaller than courses and more interactive in nature. Some sample topics include thematically related short stories, magazine discussion groups, and topic-driven discussion groups, but the number of topics is endless. **The study group facilitator does not need to be an expert on the topic**, as the study groups encourage exploration and inquiry by everyone in the group. The facilitator’s primary function is to organize the group and

facilitate the discussion. The facilitator can lead all sessions or ask for volunteers from the group members to lead some of the discussions.

Facilitator training and information sessions will be organized by the Study Group Committee and the OLLI staff for the benefit of new and returning facilitators. **It is strongly recommended, however, that members participate in at least one OLLI Study Group before proposing to facilitate a group.** If you would like to review past study groups, an archive can be found on the OLLI website at <http://olli.illinois.edu/studygroups/archive.html>.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss an idea or topic, please contact Kathryn Williams (Director) or Linda Coleman (Study Group Committee Chair) at [olli@illinois.edu](mailto:olli@illinois.edu).

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## Call for OLLI Artists

OLLI invites members to submit works of art for display in the Member Lounge. Please complete [this application](https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/469952133) (<https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/469952133>) and submit for your work to be considered. Thank you!



1: The space for two-dimensional work is up to about 4 feet wide and 5 feet tall. Work must be ready to hang on a wall hook and should not exceed 15 pounds. Frames are not required. Artist must bring art into the OLLI lobby area.

- 2: Three-dimensional work will be displayed in the bookshelves (shelves are about 12 inches high, 12 inches deep, 32 inches wide). Floor-mounted work will be considered, depending on size. One pedestal is available.
- 3: Artist will need to sign a standard waiver of liability for damage or loss.
- 4: Artist may submit a brief statement with biographical details and information about the artwork (materials, processes, inspirations). This will be displayed with the art.
- 5: Artwork will be displayed for about two months (this will be flexible).
6. If you have questions, please contact Charles Wisseman (cwisseman@gmail.com).

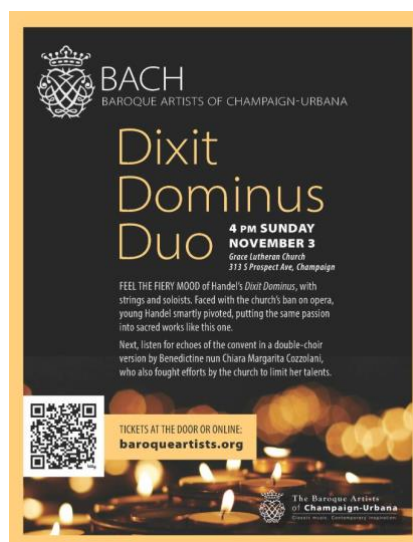
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## Idea for a Lecture?

Have you heard an interesting lecture recently? Is there a topic that you would like to hear a lecture on? Would you like to present a lecture at OLLI? The Lecture Committee is eager to hear your ideas! Please complete [this proposal](https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/465056107) (<https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/465056107>) and submit your lecture ideas to the committee. Thank you!

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## OLLI Members Recommend...





## Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 4. **Fall Study Groups begin**

Monday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Marketing Sub-committee** (Conference Room)

Wednesday, November 6. **OLLI Folk Singing** (Blue Room)

Thursday, November 7, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Advisory Council** (Orange and Zoom)

Thursday, November 7, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **eNews Committee** (Orange and Zoom)

Thursday, November 7, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Marketing Committee** (Conference Room)

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## Donor Spotlight

Please join us in thanking all those who have donated to OLLI this week. The full list of OLLI donors can be found [HERE](#) on our website.

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## COFFEE SPONSOR FOR NOVEMBER:

It is our pleasure to thank the anonymous sponsors of  
the OLLI Coffee Bar for November 2024.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring coffee for a month this year, we'd be delighted to hear from you. We invite members to share in co-sponsoring a month of coffee with a suggested donation of \$250. If you wish to be a coffee bar co-sponsor, please contact or visit the office (217-244-9141, [olli@illinois.edu](mailto:olli@illinois.edu)). Thank you.

Many thanks to all our generous donors – those who have donated for coffee and tea throughout the years and the many more who are supporting all our programs. Your gifts have been especially helpful this year in supporting our course instructors, improving technology in our Osher classroom, and in the coming upgrade of our website and registration system. A special thanks to those who have become monthly recurring donors. Thank you!

Stay Curious!

Kathryn, Patricia, and Janet  
November 1, 2024