



# OLLI



California State University  
**DOMINGUEZ HILLS**

College of Extended & International Education

## Fall 2009 Newsletter

### OLLI at CSUDH

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSUDH is a membership organization for those individuals age 50+ who are seeking intellectual and social activities. These activities include short courses on a variety of topics, peer-led courses, discussion groups, field trips, computer workshops, social gatherings and campus cultural events. Learning takes place in a supportive environment without concern for grades, tests, or requirements. OLLI annual membership is only \$30 and includes many benefits. The OLLI catalog of courses and events is published fall, spring, and summer.



Prospective OLLI members at Open House.

### Osher Lecture Series

#### "Popular Culture of the 1930s"

This series looked at some of the popular entertainment forms of the 1930s including art, mass media, icons, fads and trends that provided diversions. Lecture topics included use of humor and social satire in 1930s films, Western films of the 1930s, visual art, French cabaret culture of the 1930s and more.



Abe Ravitz, PhD, Emeritus Faculty, English Department presents "Entertainment and Depression on Side Streets of Broadway: Act, Sing, Strike"

### OLLI Open Houses

Several Open Houses were held this fall to introduce OLLI to prospective members. Open houses were held on September 11, October 20 and October 26. The October 26 open house was held in Redondo Beach at the Beach Cities Health District (BCHD). OLLI at CSUDH is partnering with BCHD to encourage lifelong learning for South Bay residents.



### CSU Dominguez Hills

#### Receives Major Endowment from Bernard Osher Foundation

California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) will be able to expand learning opportunities for adults age 50 and over in the South Bay thanks to a \$1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation for the university's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).

The single largest cash donation in the university's history, the endowment along with a \$50,000 operational grant was awarded to CSU Dominguez Hills after successfully demonstrating it could develop and sustain an OLLI program on its campus. Osher had previously awarded the university four separate \$100,000 grants toward that effort.

"We are very proud to receive this endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation as an acknowledgement of the thriving adult learning community we have developed," said Margaret Gordon, dean of the College of Extended and International Education, who administers the OLLI program. "We plan to continue to expand the program to better serve the adult learning needs of the South Bay."

CSUDH celebrates this gift award on November 30 at 12:30 in Extended Education auditorium.

## Spotlight on Fall Courses



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OLLI at CSUDH offers a variety of lectures, courses, workshops and fieldtrips covering a broad array of topics. Courses are led by faculty, community experts, and OLLI members. Courses meet in the state of the art classrooms in the Extended Education Classroom Building, which is conveniently located on campus.

### Introduction to Gardening

This very popular gardening course by OLLI instructor Reginald Fagan, Community Gardening Specialist taught students how to create a visually pleasing garden. It included topics such plant care, creating fertile soil, container gardening and irrigation methods.



Introduction to Gardening Class with instructor Reginald Fagan, (top, right) Community Gardening Specialist, poses for a photo outside the classroom.

### The Muslim World and American Foreign Policy

Hamoud Salhi, PhD, Political Science & Economics Department, explored the root causes that have shaped U.S. and Muslim relations and the extent to which they have affected policy and perceptions of each other. His presentation to OLLI members was included in a documentary by Algeria National Television that highlighted successful Algerian Americans.



OLLI at CSUDH is calling on members to become involved in their organization. You can join a planning committee, instruct a course or organize a fieldtrip. Contact the OLLI office at (310) 243-3208 for details.

### Computer Workshops

#### Introduction to Digital Photography

Raiko Hartman, an award-winning photographer known for his artistic originality and creative technical skills, volunteered to teach a course about digital photography, including the use of Photoshop. Due to popular demand, Mr. Hartman will teach his course again in spring 2010.



### Fieldtrips

#### Let's Go Downtown!

#### Walking Tours through Downtown Los Angeles

Three tours of historic downtown Los Angeles were held this fall. The historical themes included changing demographics, architecture, and infrastructure. Historical and modern features that were explored included Union Station, Little Tokyo, Civic Center, Bunker Hill and the Bradbury Building.

The tours were organized and led by John Taber (right), OLLI Member.

