

# USC Emeriti Center

## USC Emeriti Center College Enrichment Courses – Spring 2014

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### **Off-Campus Regional Programs:**

#### **Finding the Heart of America: Highway 50 – Brentwood (6 Sessions)**

In collaboration with the Donald Bruce Kaufman-Brentwood Branch Library – Los Angeles Public Library

**Wednesdays, January 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; and March 5, 2014; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Time Magazine calls U.S. Highway 50 the “main street of America.” The highway extends from Maryland’s eastern shore to Sacramento and passes through Washington, D.C., Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City and the heartland of America.

What is America today? What were the noble ideas that shaped our nation and how have these ideas played out as we tour across the country? We are going to use highway 50 to explore America from its founding, early development, civil war, and westward expansion, to our current life together.

**Instructor: Professor Emeritus David Marsh; Free and open to the public; Registration required.**

#### **Jazz & Swing from A to Z: The Story of America’s Music - San Marino (6 Sessions)**

In collaboration with the Crowell Public Library, San Marino

**Thursdays, January 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27, and March 6, 2014; 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**

Multi-media presentations filled with musical examples, rare photos, film clips, humorous stories, and live demonstrations that stimulate, educate and entertain. **Free and open to the public.**

**Instructor: Professor Thom Mason; Registration required: Please call the Library at (626) 300-0777.**

#### **Thematic Autobiography: Writing and Sharing Your Life – Pasadena (6 Sessions)**

In collaboration with the Pasadena Public Library-San Rafael Branch

**Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, and 11, 2014; 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Gain perspective on your life: write and share your life story guided by universal themes: friendship, work, money, and loss. You will identify significant events in your life; write about your thoughts, feelings, and past experiences; share your writing with others in small groups; and find meaning and acceptance in the story of your life.

**Instructor: Marlene Wagner, Ph.D., and Susan Aminoff, Ph.D. Free and Open to the Public. Registration deadline: 2/11**

#### **USC and the Making of Los Angeles, 1880 – 1932 - Palos Verdes (6 Sessions)**

The Peninsula Center Library, Palos Verdes

**Tuesdays, March 18; April 1, 8, 15, 29; and May 6, 2014; 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Following the life of John R. Haynes (1853-1937) L.A. physician-millionaire-philanthropist and the development of USC, these lectures track the growth of L.A. from a dusty town of 12,000 in 1880 to an international metropolis approaching 2,000,000 in 1932 when the city hosted the Olympic Games. We will explore Los Angeles as a place of tuberculosis sanatoria, citrus orchards, oil fields, aqueducts, film sets, airports, and diverse and international peoples.

**Instructor: Tom Tomlinson, Ph.D.; Free and open to the public; Registration required.**

#### **USC Orange County Distinguished Speaker Series – Irvine (4 Sessions)**

In collaboration with the USC Alumni Club of Orange County Beach Cities (Huntington Beach, Irvine,

Newport Beach); **Wednesdays, February 26; March 26; April 30; and May 28, 2014; 7:00 p.m.**

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Speaker Series is a great opportunity to connect with USC by engaging with a select group of speakers at USC’s Orange County Center in Irvine. Speakers to include, Professor Steven Lamy, International Relations; Professor Thom Mason, Music; and Robert Tranquada, MD, Medicine. **Open to the public.**

**Registration required. Please visit <http://alumni.usc.edu/ocspeakers> for fee and registration information.**

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## **Off-Campus Regional Programs:**

**What Was Freud Thinking, the Dilemmas of Vienna & the 20<sup>th</sup> Century 1890-1940**

**South Pasadena (3 Sessions), The Senior Citizens' Foundation of South Pasadena**

**Wednesdays, January 15; February 19; and March 19, 2014; 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Instructor: Tom Tomlinson, Ph.D;** **Course Fee:** Members of the South Pasadena Senior Center are welcome to attend the series free of charge, all others please contact (626) 403-7360.

**Location:** 1102 Oxley Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030

**Foreign Policy Issues – Skirball Cultural Center – Los Angeles (8 Sessions)**

**Thursdays, January 30; February 13, 27; March 13, 27; April 10, 24, and May 8, 2014; 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

The USC Emeriti Center College in collaboration with the Skirball Cultural Center is offering a series of eight discussions with USC faculty. Topics will include *Turkey, U.S. and Israel, Political Islam, Climate Change and Food Shortages, U.S. Defense Policy, U.S. Energy Independence, China's Foreign Policy, and The Global Economy and U.S. Trade Policy.*

**Registration Opens: January 8, 11:00 a.m.,** online, on site and by phone: Visit [www.skirball.org](http://www.skirball.org), *Spring 2014, What's On*, and click on courses and enter discount code 99753 or call (310) 440-4651 and press "2".

**Fees: USC Retirees and Skirball Members \$160; General Public \$200**

**Location:** Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., L.A., CA 90049; Free on-site parking.

**The Huntington Library: Chinese and Japanese Garden Programs – San Marino (3 Sessions)**

**Co-sponsored by the USC Emeriti Center**

**Tuesdays, January 28; February 18; April 15, 2014; 7:30 p.m., Ahmanson Room** This lecture series is made possible by the USC Emeriti Center's Norboru Inamoto Endowment promoting understanding of Japanese culture.

**Location:** The Huntington Library, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108; **Lectures are free and open to the public.**

## **On-Campus Programs:**

**USC Book Club – (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month) USC University Park Campus**

**Thursdays, January 9; February 13; March 13; April 10; 2014; 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Discussion**

Join active and retired USC faculty and staff for the newly formed USC Book Club led by Beth Shube. Please join in the lively discussions and suggest future reading materials. Each member will be offered the opportunity to review and discuss a book which s/he has recently read or would like to read. Faculty authors are encouraged to introduce their latest books.

**Discussion Leader: Beth Shube; Fee:** Cost of books only.

**Intergenerational Forum on Global Change – Honors House Residence (monthly)**

**Wednesdays, February 5; March 5; and April 2, 2014; 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Discussion**

Join us for great conversations about pressing contemporary issues. Active and retired professors and staff, and current USC students meet during and after dinner to discuss world events. The *Economist* (on-line) is suggested as a common source of topics and information.

**Hosted by: Jack Wills, Ph.D., James Moore, Ph.D., and Jerry Walker, Ph.D.; Dinners and discussions are free.**