USC Emeriti Center College
Enrichment Courses – Fall 2012
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On-Campus Programs:  *Schedule subject to change pending room availability, check website for updates.

Look Back in Laughter: The Comic Academic Novel – (Three Sessions)
USC Campus and Belmont Village Westwood; Co-sponsored by the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center
Wednesdays, October 10; November 7; December 5, 2012; 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Our discussions will explore three of the funniest academic novels ever written: Kingsley Amis’ Lucky Jim (1954), David Lodge’s Small World (1984), and Richard Russo’s Straight Man (1997). Each provides a scathing satire of the academic scene. In many ways these fictitious universities are unfortunately like USC and UCLA. In these novels we can see our departments, our administrators, our colleagues, our students, and (alas) ourselves.
Instructor: Charles Lynn Batten, Ph.D., UCLA Emeritus Professor of English; Course Fee: $60

Seeing Ourselves As Others See Us – (Five Weeks)
Fridays, October 12, 19; November 9, 16; December 7, 2012; 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
In this age of steadily increasing globalization, responsible citizenship requires that we all have a better understanding of how we are perceived by the rest of the world. After reading short contemporary and historical articles giving writers’ opinions of America, we will discuss how views and attitudes have changed over time and the forces that led to these changes. Discussion of these articles will be enriched by inviting USC international students to attend selected classes. They will share their reactions to the readings, their views of America held before arriving in the U. S., and how their opinions have changed since their arrival.
Instructor: Dixon Johnson, Ph.D.; Course Fee: $75

Guided Autobiography – (Ten Weeks)
Fridays, September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 2012; 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Write and share stories from your life with others as a way to find new meaning, as the uncertainties, paradoxes and events of life are put into perspective. Participants will gain a fresh and richer appreciation of their lives.
Instructors: Cheryl Svensson, Ph.D., Jerry Walker, Ph.D., and Lora Walker, M.A.; Course Fee: $100

Intergenerational Forum on Global Change – Honors House Residence
Thursday, September 13; Wednesday, October 17; Thursday, November 15, 2012; 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Join us for great conversations about pressing contemporary issues. Active and retired professors, retired 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. Dinners and discussions are free. Reservations required: ecrsvp@usc.edu
Hosted by: Jack Wills, Ph.D., James Moore, Ph.D., and Jerry Walker, Ph.D.
Off-Campus Programs:

American Politics: Hot Button Issues – Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles - (Five Sessions). **Wednesdays**, October 3, 17, 31; November 14, 28, 2012; 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. The USC Emeriti Center College in collaboration with the Skirball Cultural Center is offering a series of five discussions with USC faculty. The founding fathers struggled to find a balance between the rights of the states and the authority of the federal government. The tension continues today as we struggle with issues like health care policy, education policy, federal tax policy, immigration, and campaign finance. **Confirmed speakers to date:** Geoffrey Cowan, J.D., Karen Symms Gallagher, Ph.D., Edward Kleinbard, J.D. Registration opens September 5, 11:00 a.m., online, on site and by phone: Visit www.skirball.org, Fall 2012, What’s On, and enter discount code 99753 or call (310) 440-4651 and press “2”. **USC Retirees and Skirball Members Fee:** $100; **General Public Fee:** $125.

The History of Los Angeles and USC: 1880–1930, Senior Citizen’s Foundation of South Pasadena - (Four Sessions) **Wednesdays**, September 26; October 31; November 28; and December 5, 2012; 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. An avid student of Los Angeles history, Dr. Tomlinson will present cameos of the people who built this great city and created the vision of its future. This is an exciting offering that you will want to explore. **Instructor:** Tom Tomlinson, Ph.D.; Reservations required, please contact: South Pasadena Senior Center (626) 403-7360.

Richard Rodgers, Lorenz Hart, and Oscar Hammerstein II, Multi-Media Class–USC’s Orange County Center, Irvine - (One Session) **Monday**, November 12, 2012; 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Join us for the music of Richard Rodgers, Lorenz Hart, and Oscar Hammerstein II, and the stories about their lives that inspired the music. These programs are extremely popular everywhere they are performed. Join the fun! **Instructors:** Saul H. Jacobs and Bob Lipson; **Course Fee:** $20.

USC Speakers Bureau - Community Programs in Your Neighborhood The USC Emeriti Center College schedules more than 250 speakers and performers in communities throughout the Los Angeles area. Please visit our website at www.usc.edu/ecc and click on Community Programs for full details of events near your home.