

# USC Emeriti Center

## USC Emeriti College Enrichment Courses – Spring 2015

All are welcome! RSVP: [ecrsvp@usc.edu](mailto:ecrsvp@usc.edu) or call (213) 740-7122

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

#### **Mountain of Fame: Portraits in Chinese History - USC Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena**

**In collaboration with the USC Pacific Asia Museum (5 Sessions)**

**Saturdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; and May 2, 2015; 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

Participants will get personally involved in stories about the lives of historic leaders and events; and they will observe precious objects and images that are preserved in the museum's collection. Readings and discussions will be integrated with docent tours of the collections that stimulate, educate and entertain.

**Instructor: John E. Wills, Jr., USC Emeritus Professor of History**

**Free and Open to the public. Registration required.**

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

**In collaboration with the Beverly Hills Public Library, City of Beverly Hills**

**Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 10, and 17, 2015; 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 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. **Instructors:**

**Marlene Wagner, Ph.D., and Susan Aminoff, Ph.D. Free and Open to the Public. Registration deadline: 2-10-15**

#### **USC and the Making of Los Angeles, 1880–1932 – Brentwood (6 Sessions) [To be reconfirmed]**

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

**Thursdays, January 29; February 5, 12, 19 and 26; March 5, 2015; 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

Using 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 1,000,000 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.**

#### **Jazz and 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 29; February 5, 12, 19 and 26; and March 5, 2015; 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. Professor Mason receives rave reviews every semester.

**Instructor: USC Professor Thom Mason, DMA**

**Free and open to the public. Registration required. Please call the Library at (626) 300-0777.**

# USC Emeriti Center

## Off-Campus Regional Programs: continued

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

In collaboration with The Peninsula Center Library, Palos Verdes

**Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24; March 3 and 10, 2015; 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 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: USC Professor Emeritus David Marsh, Ph.D.**

**Free and open to the public. Registration required.**

### **Great Decisions: Foreign Policy Issues – Skirball Cultural Center – Los Angeles (8 Sessions)**

**Thursdays, January 15, 29; February 12, 26; March 12, 26; April 9, and 23, 2015; 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 *Russia and the Near Abroad*, *Privacy in the Digital Age*, *Sectarianism in the Middle East*, *India Changes Course*, *Policy Toward Africa*, *Syria’s Refugee Crisis*, *Human Trafficking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, and *Brazil’s Metamorphosis*. **Registration Opens: Monday, December 15**, online, on site and by phone: Visit [www.skirball.org](http://www.skirball.org), *Spring 2015, 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 20; February 17; April 14, 2014; 7:30 p.m., Ahmanson Room** This lecture series is made possible by the USC Emeriti Center’s Noboru 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 – USC University Park Campus (monthly)**

**Second Thursdays, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, 2015; 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

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. Free, cost of books only. Registration required.**

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

**Wednesdays, February 11, March 11, April 8, 2015**

**Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Discussion: 6:30 p.m.**

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. Registration required.**

[emeriticollege.usc.edu](http://emeriticollege.usc.edu)

Final: 12-10-14