

USC Emeriti Center College Enrichment Courses – Fall 2014

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Off-Campus Regional Programs:

Jazz and Swing from A to Z: The Story of America's Music – Brentwood (6 Sessions)

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

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and November 6, 2014; 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Multi-media presentations filled with musical examples, rare photos, film clips, humorous stories, and live demonstrations that stimulate, educate and entertain. **Instructor: USC Professor Thom Mason, DMA**

Free and open to the public. Registration required.

Finding the Heart of America: Highway 50 - San Marino (6 Sessions)

In collaboration with the Crowell Public Library, San Marino

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 2014; 12:30 – 2:30 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: Please call the Library at (626) 300-0777.

Thematic Autobiography: Writing and Sharing Your Life - Palos Verdes (6 Sessions)

The Peninsula Center Library, Palos Verdes

Tuesdays, October 21, 28; November 4, 18; December 2, and 9, 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. **Instructors:**

Marlene Wagner, Ph.D., and Susan Aminoff, Ph.D. Free and Open to the Public. Registration deadline: 10/28.

USC and the Making of Los Angeles, 1880–1932 – Pasadena (6 Sessions)

In collaboration with the Pasadena Public Library, San Rafael Branch and Pasadena Village

Tuesdays, October 28; November 11, 18, 25; December 2 and 9, 2014; 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 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.

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On-Campus Programs:

USC Book Club – USC University Park Campus

Thursdays, September 18; October 9; November 20; and December 11, 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. Free, cost of books only. Registration required.**

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

Wednesdays, September 17; October 15; November 19, 2014.

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.