OLLI News and Upcoming Events

• Fall Courses Still Available

Opening day enrollments for SCU's OLLI program are at record levels.

Several courses closed within a couple of minutes after opening the registration module and two or three have large wait-lists (Memory Workshop, Russia Beyond Russians and The Roadmap to 100). We are currently checking with the instructors of the closed courses to see if they can offer the identical course in another quarter. Those that are wait listed for the popular classes will be notified, if we can manage to get the instructors scheduled into the upcoming quarter.

Please remember: Registration opens at 9 am on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. The registration system has been known to have performance issues due to the overwhelming demand at the point the system was opened. Our registration system is not as progressive as we would like and therefore has a tendency to slow down during heavy hours of operation.

To answer some member questions: Yes, two people can log on to the registration module at the same time in the same household; however, it does not mean both members will get into the class. If you would like to be wait-listed, please contact the office.

Additionally: You may not be aware that the average class size at Santa Clara University is 23; the average classroom holds approximately 30-35 students. The practical result is that large classrooms are few and far between, and almost impossible to get for Osher classes. We are exceptionally fortunate that last Spring OLLI was provided a dedicated classroom (weekday daytimes only) that accommodates enrollments of 50.

The reality is that some classes will be overenrolled, and members will not always get their first choice of classes. (This is true at all Osher programs throughout the Bay Area.)

We will continue to keep you informed. Thank you for your support of Osher and your enthusiasm for our offerings.

Parking at Santa Clara University: Instructions in Class Reminders

To park on campus or on University owned property, every vehicle must have a valid parking permit visibly displayed between the hours of 6am and 8pm, Monday through Friday. A permit is not required for Saturday, Sunday, and University holidays. Please read your email class reminders that suggest the most convenient parking lots to your class. For more parking information, click here
Director’s Corner

Dear Members,

We are actively looking for OLLI members who can serve on the following two (2) committees. These two committees are part of the powerhouses that run the program and we could use members to step up and help with the tasks and duties related to them.

At this time, we have a great need to get these committees started and in place to handle our expanding membership and meet the guidelines that the Osher Foundation in San Francisco has set for all OLLIs.

If you are interested, please contact the OLLI office at 408-554-2382 or email us at: olliatscu@gmail.com.

OLLI@SCU needs your support, so please consider volunteering. Thank you so much. Details of the duties can be found on the link provided. Call me directly if you would like to meet and discuss the possibilities.

1. Fundraising Committee

Committee Goal
This committee shall comprise a minimum of three (3) to six (6) members, one of whom will be the Program Director. It is the policy of the Osher Institute at Santa Clara to actively solicit gifts and donations, including endowment funds, to further the mission of the Institute. The Fundraising Committee and the Development Office shall have the authority to solicit and/or accept gifts on behalf of the Osher Institute at Santa Clara. All development and campaign activities shall receive pre-approval from the Program Director and the Executive Council before implementation.

OLLI @ SCU received a generous endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation in 2008, but we still need your help to keep OLLI @ SCU a thriving organization. The investment income from the endowment is the only spendable portion, not the principal. Operating costs (staff, printing, mailing, computer support, etc.) will continue to increase. Your regular donations will help us cover these costs so that we can keep membership dues and class fees as low as possible. This will enable all interested to join and participate.

Our primary goals are sustainability and affordability. The success of annual donations will benefit the entire membership. By donating whatever you can afford, you will help OLLI at SCU to continue improving in such areas as development of new programs and the enhancement of existing ones with the high standards that mean so much to so many. We want OLLI @ SCU around for generations to come.

2. Membership Committee

Committee Goal
Develop initiatives, derived from fact-based analysis of the membership to engage and retain the current membership while also encouraging the recruitment of new members consistent with the overall Mission and Objectives of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Santa Clara University.

For full details of responsibilities please follow this link.
The Santa Clara Chorale presents the spiritual with acclaimed soprano Marlissa Hudson

By Charlie Mendoza

On Saturday, October 25th, the Santa Clara Chorale opens its 53rd season with HOGAN’S HEROES, a special concert featuring DC-based coloratura soprano Marlissa Hudson. Led from the piano and the podium by artistic director Scot Hanna-Weir, Hudson and the Chorale will bring to life the concert spirituals of Moses Hogan (1957-2003) and the generations of other African-American composers whose works make up this genre.

The concert spiritual is often traced back to the 1870s with early performances of skillfully arranged pieces by the Fisk University Jubilee Singers. The spiritual itself is an older genre, one created by the enslaved African people in the United States that combined some traditional African melodic and rhythmic ideas with the American hymnody and brand of Christianity that they were taught. The concert spiritual was a Reconstruction Era vehicle for spreading culture and entertainment, and particularly for raising money for the fledgling black colleges like Fisk, as well as the Tuskegee Institute and Hampton University.

“The spiritual is a fundamental part of the American choral repertoire, but they are so often tacked on at the end of a choral concert as an afterthought. You’ve listened to an hour of Bach and now it’s time for something fun. This is why I think presenting an entire concert of spirituals is so exciting; we are able to show the depth and breadth of the repertoire in an incredibly exciting way,” says Hanna-Weir. “Beyond that, Marlissa is an incredible interpreter. Every time we perform together, whether spiritual or art song, no matter how many times we have done it, there is always something fresh and alive about her performances. I am elated we will have the chance to bring that type of electric performance to our audience here in Santa Clara.”

Hudson shares similar praise for Hanna-Weir. "Having the opportunity to present spirituals, a true American art form, with a conductor who treats them with the same care and concern as Bach or Mozart is thrilling,” says Hudson. “Scot's approach to this music breathes life into the score in a very unique and capturing way.”

While in Santa Clara, Hudson will offer master classes and performances at several local schools and colleges, including a program of art songs and arias for Santa Clara University’s Music at Noon on Wednesday, October 22nd, again with Hanna-Weir at the piano.

"Wherever I sing, it's important to me to have the opportunity to connect with students and community to contribute any way I can. I'm really looking forward to working with the students to reinforce the wonderful instruction they're already receiving and provide an additional perspective on what it means to communicate through song," says Hudson.

“Education is a fundamental part of the Chorale’s mission,” adds Hanna-Weir, “and also a vital part of what I do as a conductor.”

The Santa Clara Chorale presents “Hogan’s Heroes” on October 25th at 8:00PM in Mission Santa Clara. For tickets and more information, http://www.scc.org/ or call 408-883-4722.

Save the Date

**Annual Holiday Dinner**
Monday, 24 November, 5:30 – 8:30PM, California Mission Room, Benson Center
Registration is open for this annual event.
Volunteer Corner: The Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Program

By J. Richard Gaskill, M.D.

The Clean Slate program started 20 years ago and is jointly sponsored by the City of San Jose and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, with the goal of helping gang members get out of gangs and into meaningful and productive lives. Gang tattoos, while used to identify their members, may be dangerous when seen by rival gangs. These tattoos may be large and elaborate, or simply dots, numbers, initials, or teardrops, and many are done in prison. Visible tattoos can be an obstacle to employment, getting into school, and entering the military.

In order to qualify for free removal of their tattoos, there are a number of requirements. Candidates, about half of whom are females, must be gang-free, between the ages of 14 and 25, residents of San Jose, and either employed or in school. They must attend an 8-week life-skills training program to help them connect with their community, improve self-esteem and self-expression, and decrease self-doubt. In addition, they must perform 30 hours of community service. When all of this is completed they qualify for free removal of their gang-related tattoos. Outside of this program a single large tattoo may cost several hundred dollars to remove. The rules are strict: no further gang contacts, no unexcused absences, and no further tattoos of any kind. Most of these former gang members seem like ordinary folks, are interesting to talk to, and are very appreciative.

The technique consists of sweeping the laser beam across the tattoo where it breaks up the ink into tiny particles. These are absorbed by white blood cells called phagocytes, which are able to ingest foreign particles. Because the laser beam heats the ink and adjacent tissue, it’s somewhat painful, and over-treatment may cause blistering and eventual scarring. Therefore, multiple treatments are administered at one- to two- month intervals, increasing the strength of the laser beam as the tissue develops tolerance. Depending on the amount, color, depth, and type of ink, 10-20 treatments, and often many more, are required for each tattoo. Post-laser management consists of treating each site like a minor burn and avoiding sun exposure. In the majority of cases, the tattoo sites eventually end up looking like normal skin with no trace of ink or scarring.

The laser treatment is performed by volunteer physicians, most of whom are retired. I learned about the program 5 years ago through the Retired Physicians Association of Kaiser/Santa Clara, where I used to practice. There are three half-day clinics weekly at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, and I average about one per week. It’s hard to know how much we’re accomplishing, but I can’t help but think that we’re just hitting “the tip of the iceberg,” considering the large number of gang members in San Jose. Further information on this program can be obtained from Juan Avila: juan.avila@sanjoseca.gov

Volunteer Corner Editor’s note:
A short course, Gangs in San Jose: An important dimension of our current society, is in the OLLI curriculum this quarter on October 6. If there is sufficient demand for a repeat of this course, the curriculum committee may consider offering it again. I know that many OLLI members have additional interesting volunteer activities that you enjoy. Please share your stories with us all. I will help with the writing if you wish, Jeff EnglanderEnglander.jeff@gmail.com.
Destination Learning

OLLI's Fall 2014 Destination Learning Trip to the San Francisco Exploratorium
24 October, 8:15AM – 4:30PM

Wonder what the new Exploratorium has to offer? Join us on an exciting OLLI Destination Learning trip to the San Francisco Exploratorium. This OLLI Day at the Exploratorium is open to all OLLIs and their members in Northern California.

Start with coffee hosted by the SF State OLLI and socialize with members from all over the area.

Then attend a one-hour lecture on “Full Spectrum Science” by exhibit developer Ron Hipschman on The Science of Science Fiction.

Science fiction has predicted many things. Some have come true (think touch screens, submarines, bionic limbs). Others, not so much—or at least, not yet. If you’ve ever wondered where your flying car or rocket belt is, or why you don’t yet have a robot servant, find out at Full-Spectrum Science.

After that, there is a choice of docent-led tour, a workshop on light, and free time to explore on your own will fill the afternoon.

Don't miss an opportunity to be part of a memorable day and share this special event.

Cost is $85 per person and for further trip information and to sign up, visit www.scu.edu/calendar

Lanyards

We began issuing permanent name badges with a lanyard that will be worn to all classes and all events to will help us get to know our fellow members.

The lanyard will be issued when you register and new name cards will be issued each year with your membership renewal.

If lost, replacements are $5. You get one replacement free of charge.

Lanyards and badges will be distributed by the classroom host at the first class in which you are registered. Your name badge will be printed with the name you register, so if your name is “Francis Xavier Hinney” but you want your friends to know you as Frank Hinney, please register as “Frank Hinney.”

Until it becomes habit and part of dressing for class, it may be a good idea to keep your lanyard and name badge in your car console or purse. The registration sheet will still be at the first class and attendance recorded.
Do We Really Get Wiser with Age?

By Monica David

Continuing our discussion from August’s Link newsletter on whether ‘Older but Wiser’ is real, we’ll consider wisdom, how it’s defined, how it’s measured, and the effect of age on wisdom.

**Definition of Wisdom**

What is wisdom? The concept has fascinated people from ancient times, finding its way into various religious and philosophical texts. The attempt to define and measure the trait has proved elusive at best. In the last 30 years or so, in the quest for a better understanding, psychologists have directed studies and created exams to assess wisdom on a quantitative scale.

In the 1970s a definition was developed that has served as a foundation for research on the subject ever since. The hypothesis is that wisdom consists of three key components: **cognition, reflection, and compassion**. Knowing that cognitive functioning slows as people age, we also know that speed is only one component. Having more information in the brain, we are better at discerning patterns, allowing us to get the “big picture.” “Cognitive templates” that develop in the older brain based on pattern recognition form the basis for wise behavior and decisions. It takes time to gain insights and perspectives from one’s cognitive knowledge to be wise (reflective dimension) and to use those insights to help others (compassionate dimension). The result is that there are three separate but interconnected ways of dealing with the world.

- **Cognitive** includes the ability to understand human nature, perceive situation clearly, make decisions despite ambiguity and uncertainty.
- **Reflective** ability allows us to examine events from multiple perspectives, step outside oneself and understand other point of view.
- **Emotional** involves feeling compassion for others (external) and the ability to remain positive in face of adversity (internal.)

The Berlin Wisdom Project, started in the 1980s, distinguished between general wisdom (understands life from observer’s viewpoint) and personal wisdom (deep insight into one’s own life). True personal wisdom include:

- self-insight, ability to demonstrate personal growth
- self-awareness in terms of your historical era and your family history
- awareness of life’s ambiguities.

True wisdom would involve recognizing the negative within and outside ourselves and trying to learn from it.

While there is still no consensus on the definition of wisdom, there are recurring concepts of wisdom that seem to be generally accepted.

**Qualities of Wisdom**

The Berlin Wisdom approach focused more on expertise and performance rather than personality traits. They and other scientists have found that the qualities of older people who have scored high on the wisdom scale are:

- Intelligence and knowledge
- Understanding of human nature
- Emotional resiliency
- Ability to learn from experience
- Superior judgment and problem-solving skills
- Ability to step outside themselves and assess troubling situations with calm reflection
- Ability to recast a crisis as a problem to be addressed, a puzzle to be solved
- Ability to take action in situations they can control AND to accept inability to do so when there are matters outside their control
While the evolving definition has always included knowledge, the ability to cope with adversity, AND regulation of emotion are important factors as well.

**Emotion vs. Knowledge**

Researchers have always come up with differing definitions, indicating conflict inherent in the definition. While emotion has usually been part of the formula, many have found it secondary to expert knowledge. Others have emphatically stated that there is no wisdom without emotional regulation.

The goal has been to develop a psychological test to assess wisdom. Factors were identified that contributed to a sense of life satisfaction and well-being in old age, which began a line of inquiry into the acquisition of wisdom. There was special interest shown in “resilience,” concluding that the ability to cope with crises and hardships may be a hallmark of wise individuals and also one of the pathways to wisdom.

How do people regulate their emotions and how does that regulation change over the course of a lifetime? Although there is cognitive decline with age, older people seem to have figured out how to manage their emotions in important ways compared to younger people. They experience negative emotions less frequently, exercise better control, rely on a complex and nuanced emotional thermostat that allows them to bounce back from adverse moments. They typically strive for emotional balance, which seems to affect the ways their brains process information from the environment.

Younger people seem to be either positive or negative at any specific point in life, but older people experience mixed emotions—happiness and a touch of sadness—at the same time. Having mixed emotions appears to help to regulate emotions better than having the extremes of emotion. Furthermore, as humans, we recognize that time eventually runs out, which can motivate us to savor the day-to-day experiences, allowing us to be more positive.

Some feel that time is a critical factor. When the time perspective shortens, we tend to focus on emotionally meaningful goals. With a longer time horizon, the focus is usually on knowledge acquisition. As the time horizon shortens, people let feelings navigate what they do, who they spend time with, and the choices they are making in life. When a person’s view of time changes, so does wisdom. A young person may exhibit wisdom when picking a career, but does so with a sense of limitless future ahead. Older people, knowing that time is more limited, will exhibit a different kind of wisdom in making decisions.

Older people may be upset by a perceived worsening of looks, sexual performance, physical abilities, and memory. Many psychologists find that acceptance of aging is necessary for growth. Ideally, it’s not a resigned acceptance, but an embracing acceptance. Where are you in the ongoing challenge of accepting aging gracefully? Do you believe you have wisdom?
Special Interest Groups

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AGING GRACEFULLY

The next monthly meeting will be Thursday, October 16, from 2:00 to 4:00, location TBA. Please consult the OLLI calendar at the OLLI web site for location updates.

Last year we engaged members each month with the latest research findings on different aspects of aging, and discussed areas that we found both stimulating and concerning. This year, we have created a list of 12 potential discussion topics, which we all prioritized in terms of relevance and interest. The top five were: maintaining brain health; creating an engaged life; what are you looking for at this stage of your life—happiness, fulfillment, purposeful life...; biggest fears and do they change as we age further; retiring/simplifying/downsizing.

If interested, please contact Monica David at monica.david123@gmail.com.

“Be the Change”

The “Be the Change” special interest group met for the first time on September 16th. Over 20 members attended. Our group will share information on volunteer activities, especially in the local community.

Our primary goals are to:

- Sponsor forums that highlight volunteer opportunities and speakers from various non-profit organizations.
- Locate and publicize both one-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities.
- Schedule on-site visits to local non-profit organizations to learn more about their individual missions and potential volunteer opportunities.
- Form a community of support to facilitate OLLI members contributing to both the local and global community.

Our next meeting will be on Monday October 27, 2014 in Loyola Hall Room 160. If you would like to join our special interest group, or just be on our e-mail list to learn about presentations and/or field trips, please contact Debbie Schreibstein at e-mail address: Lendebsch@aol.com. We look forward to your participation.

EXPLORING THE BAY AREA

With more than 150 members last year, this was the most popular SIG. Its size, however, made it too difficult for one person to handle. A committee was formed this summer make this large SIG more manageable. Thanks for your patience. We’re ready to announce the new Exploring the Bay Area SIG.

The committee decided an event every other month would be its goal and these are the trips in planning, to date:
- October 3 & 15, 2014 – Walking Tour of Willow Glen
- November 2014—Tour of Levi Stadium, Santa Clara
- January 2015—Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, San Jose
- March 2015—Filoli House, Woodside
- April 2015—Sunday Afternoon at the San Jose Opera —“The Magic Flute” (Mozart)

We do look forward to working with all our members on future events and hope you’ll join us in suggesting and sponsoring them. If you would like to become a member of this group, please send an email to etbasig@gmail.com with Member Request in the Subject line.

GE NE AL OGY

The next meeting of the Osher Genealogy SIG will be on Monday, October 20, in the Heritage Pavilion of Santa Clara City Library at 1:30PM. For more information contact Max Jedda, 408-735-8697.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography SIG made a field trip in July to Happy Hollow Park on one of their free “early bird” senior days. This allowed us access to the park and the animals during the “quiet” hours before the park fills with excited children.

At our August meeting we received a lesson on photo editing from one of our SIG members and we shared and critiqued the photos taken on the field trip to Happy Hollow.

For more information contact Tom McNeal.

BIKING

The Biking SIG met in September to discuss Organizing Rides for 2014-2015. To find out more about what the group does, which routes were recommended, and what suggestions you have, contact Jeff Englander and Englander.jeff@gmail.com.

Attention Volunteers – Past, Present and Future

Because you are the talent and energy that runs OLLI@SCU, and in an effort to best utilize your skills and talents, it would be most helpful to know what resources we have to draw on when openings and needs occur. Please review the lists below and let us know in what areas you have skills and in what areas you’d like to help.

**SKILLS YOU HAVE**

- Event Planning
- Fund Raising
- Graphic Design
- Group Facilitation
- Office Support/Clerical Skills
- Program Planning
- Public Relations / Advertising
- Public Speaking
- Software Skills (specify programs)
- Volunteer Coordination
- Web Design and/or Maintenance
- Writing

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN THESE AREAS:**

- Classroom Host Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Membership Committee
- Newsletter (photography/writing)
- Office Operations Committee
- Social Events Committee

Please contact Len Schreibstein, Chair of the Volunteer Committee, and let him know how your skills and talents can be used to strengthen our OLLI program.
Santa Clara University offers a wealth of enriching opportunities that you as an OLLI member may attend. Check them out! (Editor’s note: Please be aware, when there is an evaluation form available to you at any of the presentations on campus that allows you to identify yourself as an “Osher member” or an “OLLI Member,” that it is important to both SCU departments and to OLLI to know that OLLI members are attending these campus events.

**Campus Events**

(Engine’s note: The de Saisset Museum is a jewel of a museum located on campus and is free. They reopen 25 September. Don’t miss visiting the changing exhibits as well as the permanent exhibits - [http://www.scu.edu/deSaisset/](http://www.scu.edu/deSaisset/))

**Current Exhibits**

**CREATIVE IN COMMON**


Family. Such a powerful word with so many varied meanings. What does it mean to you? Who do you think of as family?

Rooted in the de Saisset Museum’s permanent collection, *Creative in Common* explores family through the work of ten artists who are related—partner to partner, parent to child. Using traditional definitions of family as a jumping off point, the exhibition invites viewers to reflect upon and share their own interpretations and experiences of family. In a thoughtful presentation, the museum’s galleries are transformed into a comfortable space much like you would encounter in California home.

Join the conversation in the galleries and online #creativeincommon

**Arts Collage – Family Day**

Saturday, October 11, 2014, 1-4 p.m.  
FREE

Enjoy an afternoon of FREE art and entertainment for the whole family in conjunction with SCU’s Grand Reunion Weekend. Family Day features a variety of hands-on art activities, a fun family photo booth, an art scavenger hunt, docent tours, and more!
2014-2015 Bannan Institute: Ignatian Leadership

Drawing on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the 2014-2015 Bannan Institute will explore the theme of Ignatian Leadership as a vocational practice or way of proceeding that seeks to affect personal and communal transformation.

We will begin in the fall quarter with the topic “Leadership and Justice,” exploring how commitments of solidarity and social justice ground the work of Ignatian leaders and shape the work of Jesuit higher education as a proyecto social.

Visit http://www.scu.edu/ic/bannan for our full event listing.

Encounter, Engage, Create: Moral Imagination and Ignatian Leadership

Maureen O’Connell, LaSalle University

October 9, 2014 | 4-5:15 p.m.
St. Clare Room, Library and Learning Commons
Santa Clara University

See. Judge. Act. Catholic Social Teaching, developed by Roman Catholic leaders as a way to respond to calls for justice in the 20th Century, has used this three-step approach for responding to what popes and bishops call “the signs of the times.” But what if our 21st Century world--with growing issues of economic and social inequality, immigration, violence, and increasingly polarized politics--requires a different tool? in this presentation, Maureen O’Connell explores innovative movements for social justice--such as the JUNTOS Dance Collective, community mural projects, and the new leadership of Pope Francis--and reimagines a new, three-step approach to issues of justice: Encounter. Engage. Create. Please RSVP at www.scu.edu/ic/bannan.
Already But Not Yet: Diversity, Inclusion, and the Call of Justice in Jesuit, Catholic Higher Education

October 14, 2014 | 4-5:15 p.m.
St. Clare Room, Library and Learning Commons
Santa Clara University
Co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Santa Clara’s own Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Aldo Billingslea, facilitates a panel of SCU staff and faculty members in a reflection on issues of diversity and inclusion within the University and the greater community. As part of the fall quarter Bannan Institute series exploring leadership and justice, panelists will consider how SCU’s Jesuit, Catholic identity shapes community dialogue and engagement. Panelists represent an array of backgrounds across the University, and will highlight areas in need of attention and areas in which we are flourishing. Please RSVP at www.scu.edu/ic/bannan.

A Jesuit Tragicomedy in Two Acts and an Interlude: The Suppression and Restoration Controversy

Tom Lucas, S.J.
October 21, 2014 | 4-5:15 p.m.
St. Clare Room, Library and Learning Commons
Santa Clara University

Please join us in commemorating the 200th anniversary of the restoration of the Society of Jesus in a visually engaging presentation by Tom Lucas, S.J. of Seattle University. Fr. Lucas will detail the cultural, political, and religious Context of some of the least understood and most controversial moments in Jesuit History. Accompanied by historical artwork, Lucas will explore the story of the papacy’s closure of the Society of Jesus, and its official restoration almost three decades later. Please RSVP at www.scu.edu/ic/bannan.

Business Ethics MOOCs Launch for Fall

The Ethics Center is relaunching its two free Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) to the public. Already, over 3,000 executives, professors and students have enrolled, and we invite you to join them. The MOOCs are taught by Kirk O. Hanson, longtime professor of business ethics at Stanford Graduate School of Business and Santa Clara University.

Registration is now open

COURSE 1: BUSINESS ETHICS FOR THE REAL WORLD - Explores the nature of ethics, its role in a business career, and how to make practical ethical decisions.

COURSE 2: CREATING AN ETHICAL CORPORATE CULTURE - Examines how managers and executives can create and sustain an ethical culture.

3 Hours of Business Ethics Training Each Week for 4 Weeks: Each course is organized to take no more than 2-3 hours per week, and the course is designed to be completed in 4 weeks. You can take the courses anytime during the period they are open.
Online Activities on Business Ethics: Each week students will have 2 or 3 short lectures to watch. Afterwards, they will participate in a case discussion on a real business scenario, a short exercise, and a quiz. The final project for each course is an ethical analysis, and peer reviews of other students' analyses.

New! Incentives for Course Finishers

- **Letter of Completion:** Letter of completion from the Ethics Center
- **Badge:** Official "badge" to highlight your success, for display on websites, social media, LinkedIn Profiles, etc.
- **VIP LinkedIn Group:** A special invitation to join our closed MOOC Alumni Group on LinkedIn, featuring networking opportunities, discussions, and more.
- **Opportunity to participate in our SMAP (social media ambassadors program).** If you're on Twitter, first Follow the Ethics Center (@mcaenews), and tweet about the course as you go through it, using the hashtag #MarkkulaMOOC. The most frequent tweeter by November 7 will win a **$50 Amazon gift card.** *Stay tuned for more details!*

Contact Patrick Coutermarsh for questions or further information.

Fall 2014 Ethics Events

**The Vatican Synod on the Family: Ethical Challenges, Theological Frameworks**

Monday, October 6th 12 p.m., Wiegand Room, Vari Hall

Ethics at Noon: Paul Crowley, S.J., SCU Religious Studies; Lisa Fullam, Jesuit School of Theology, and Sally Vance-Trembath, SCU Religious Studies.

[For information and to RSVP](#)

**Global Ethics and American Law: How International Human Rights Transformed the U.S. Constitution**

Thursday, October 16th 12 p.m., Media Room A, Harrington Learning Commons

David Sloss, SCU School of Law.

[For information and to RSVP](#)

*Ethics at Noon, continued*

**Thursday, October 23rd, Ethics at Noon: “How the 'Hobby Lobby' Decision Undermines Women's Rights -- and Threatens Religious Freedom.”** Leslie Griffin, Boyd Professor of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Law. 12 p.m., Forbes Room, Lucas Hall

The “Hobby Lobby” decision by the United States Supreme Court is often referred to as a victory for religious freedom and a defeat for women’s rights. To Professor Griffin, this view is deeply wrong. To be sure, she thinks, the decision was certainly a defeat for women’s rights. But the decision was also anything but a victory for religious freedom; instead it poses a threat to religious freedom. A former faculty member of the SCU School of Law, Professor Griffin is a national expert on the intersection of religion, women’s rights, and law. [For information and to RSVP](#)
2014–15 President’s Speaker Series: Our Human Experience

This year’s speaker series features a legendary athlete, the director behind some of the most beloved sitcoms of all-time, and the first female secretary of state. We hope to see you in this year’s audience for the ninth annual President’s Speaker Series.

RONNIE LOTT, NFL Hall of Famer

What Makes a Champion?
9 October 2014, 7:30PM
Mayer Theatre

A legendary defensive back for the San Francisco 49ers, Ronnie Lott is a champion and Hall of Famer, who is now focused on the issue of player safety.

ANDY ACKERMAN ’78, Director of Seinfeld

An Evening with Andy Ackerman
9 February 2015, 7:30PM
Mayer Theatre

One of television’s most prolific directors reflects on a career that has helped to craft award-winning comedy.

MADELEINE ALBRIGHT, Former Secretary of State

Economy and Security in the 21st Century
5 May 2015, 7:30PM
Mayer Theatre

Foreign policy and world events will be discussed with one of America’s top minds for diplomacy.

Ticket Information

General pricing: $25 each or $60 for the series
OLLI Members: $20 each or $50 for the series
Click to order tickets, for directions or parking information, or call 408-554-4015
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It costs nothing but time to become a volunteer usher at SCU Presents! Ushering is a fun and easy way to get more involved with the arts and culture on the SCU campus and see what we're doing - for free!

SCU Presents is proud to have a wonderful community of volunteers that works with us regularly each season. Our ushers come from all over the south bay and are a valued and important part of SCU Presents staff. In return for their services, ushers are seated just before the curtain rises so they can enjoy the performance. Every effort is made to maintain a roster of 2-6 ushers per performance (depending on venue).

All of SCU Presents ushers are volunteers. To sign up today visit: http://www.volunteerspot.com/group/247503906084

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