

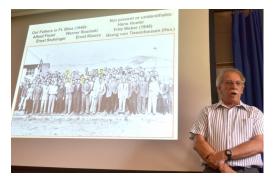
THE OLLI AUGUST 2021 ISSUE

INSIDER

News for the members of OLLI at The University of Alabama in Huntsville







CALENDAR

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2021

Sign up for each event by clicking "online." All online bonuses/events are through Zoom video conferencing. You will receive an email with the Zoom meeting invitation one business day prior. There is a limited capacity per event.

Aug 10 | Tue | 10:00 am | In Person Event: Fall Open House

Come back to campus to register for our fall term! Join us to see fellow OLLI members in-person while learning more about our upcoming courses, bonuses, and events.

Presented by OLLI Curriculum Committee

Aug 20 | Fri | 9:00 am | Online/In Person Event: OLLI Day Alabama

Join us to celebrate the 2nd OLLI Day Alabama! Together with the OLLI programs at The University of Alabama and Auburn University, we will have a daylong celebration with many notable speakers. Register and find more details at Osher.uah.edu/OLLIDayAlabama

Presented by CPS

Aug 27 | Fri | 11:00 am | Online/In Person Bonus: Sharing Our Stories & Preserving Our Past: The U.S. Space & Rocket Center

Join us to hear about the shining beacon of Rocket City!
Learn more about the 363 feet tall Saturn V Moon Rocket
which is a testament to humankind's ability to dream big
and accomplish lofty goals! Just as the Apollo 11 Moon
landing was a major goal and mission led by Dr. von
Braun, so was the creation of the U.S. Space & Rocket
Center, so come to discover its history, activities, and
more!

Presented by Joseph Vick, Director of Museum Education and Outreach of The US Space and Rocket Center

Sept 3 | Fri | 10:30 am | In Person Popcorn & A Movie: Lion

Witness the story of Saroo, a five-year-old that gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India. Discover how he learns to survive alone, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, using Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally returns to his first home.



Sept 8 | Wed | 4:00 pm | In Person OLLI Annual Meeting

It's time to celebrate OLLI's accomplishments from the last two years! Join us for a fun afternoon with fellow members on **Wednesday**, **September 8 at**

4:00 pm. Meet UAH President, Dr. Darren Dawson, and learn about UAH updates and upcoming projects. Wish Dr. Karen Clanton well in her retirement, celebrate the winners of the OLLI Photo Contest, and participate in the recognition of the Volunteer of the Year and Legacy Volunteer award recipients.

Sept 17 | Fri | 11:00 am | Online/In Person Bonus: Adventures in Red Rock Country

Join us on a back-country adventure in Capitol Reef National Park, Utah. Explore water sculpted canyons, soaring sandstone arches, and otherworldly landscapes through pictures of an award-winning photographer. Discover the beauty captured while trekking through streams, hiking up red rock formations and taking 4WE excursions into some of the most remote areas of the American West.

Presented by Barbara Staggs

Sept 24 | Fri | 11:00 am | Online/In Person Coffee Chats: Trivia

Test your knowledge on interesting facts in many subjects while enjoying a morning with fellow OLLI members. The game will be played individually.

Presented by Ale Pacheco, OLLI Program Manager



FROM THE EDITOR

OUR NEW GENERATIONAL TITLE: ZOOMERS



Dear OLLI at UAH members,

It's August 2021, and OLLI members are trickling back onto UAH's campus while some members are Zooming.

Soon, old and new members are going to catch each other's eyes,

share big friendly smiles, and chatter away until it's time for class. Wilson Hall will bustle with activity, and new classroom equipment will allow those who choose to Zoom to experience Live Virtual learning.

I've missed the interactions of those exceptional students and teachers who have enhanced my life these past four years.

I am happily thinking about seeing others whom I've met only virtually, yet who developed a steady, positive presence in my life, demonstrating good humor, kindness and patience while keeping OLLI vital.

Having spent my first year of service on OLLI's Board of Directors during a pandemic, I have been studying the systems and building relationships using technology via Zoom.

While I continue to learn, what I do know is that the "People of OLLI" are not just individuals 50 and older; we're a community of learners who are leaders, teachers, professionals, and lifelong learners wanting to build a better life, community and culture.

Our generations span the Greatest, Boomers and Gen Xers, and — perhaps surprising to some — we have now earned the title of "Zoomers."

Technology can be daunting, yet while working alongside the staff of the College of Professional Studies — including Ale Pacheco, Alice Sammon and Fathia Hardy — our teachers, facilitators and students created a vibrant online learning environment.

The People of OLLI face their challenges and carry on. Now we are transitioning to a new normal, and it promises to be filled with adventure and learning. I look forward to seeing old and new members and moving forward together as we keep learning through life.

Ad astra,

Kathryn Cataldo OLLI at UAH PR Committee Chair



FROM THE PRESIDENT

A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY



When I joined OLLI at UAH four years ago, I never imagined that the most valuable lesson I would learn would be how to survive a pandemic and the isolation of quarantine and still maintain meaningful human connections.

Like many of you, for more than 16 months I have relied on OLLI

courses, bonuses, and social events on Zoom to give structure to my weeks and provide something to look forward to and new things to think about. Seeing familiar faces on a screen was about the best we could hope for.

And now finally, with a mixture of optimism and uncertainty, we are beginning our transition to a new normal at OLLI.

Transitions can be scary. While the idea of seeing each other face to face again sounds exciting, each of us may prefer a different comfort zone when it comes to starting or resuming our OLLI activities. Recently, UAH and The University of Alabama System updated their COVID safety protocols to be consistent with guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; i.e., fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear face coverings indoors or outdoors, the unvaccinated are still required to wear face coverings in all indoor settings, and 3-foot social distancing shall be maintained whenever possible. Please note guidelines are always being updated and they might change at any time.

Of course, masks are always a personal option for any of us who would prefer extra precautions when we are in group settings. In the meantime, we can encourage everyone we know to get the vaccine so that group interactions everywhere continue to be safer for all of us.

A silver lining of our 2020 experiences was learning that the innovations we adopted provided greater opportunity for new members to join us locally and across the country. This new versatility is considered essential for our new normal. We can make it possible for everyone to participate in OLLI courses and events in any way that is comfortable for them. We hope to see as many members as possible back in Wilson Hall, but we can also welcome Zoom participants to classes there, thanks to newly installed equipment in the classrooms.

And there is much to look forward to. The fall term course lineup looks amazing, thanks to our Curriculum Committee. The popular OLLI Alabama Shares program is back, giving us all the opportunity to enroll in the shared online classes from the OLLI programs at The University of Alabama and Auburn University. Mark your calendars for the OLLI Day Alabama events on August 20. We will celebrate Alabama's three OLLI chapters with special speakers from each campus and a breakfast here at UAH. Some social events are also on the calendar. Life looks good again.

Four years ago, I would also never have imagined that I would be the newly elected president of the OLLI Board of Directors, facing post-pandemic challenges. That is both humbling and a little overwhelming.

However, I am counting on the collective experience, commitment, and leadership of all of us as we navigate this brave new world, recruit new members to the OLLI experience, and rebuild better. We have a chance to do something extraordinary. For OLLI at UAH — the best is yet to be.

Jill Stewart, President, OLLI at UAH Board of Directors

Please Note:

Members of OLLI at UAH Executive Board, elected May 14 by the Board of Directors, are:
Jill Stewart, President
Allan Williamson, Vice President for A & F
John Mason, Vice President for Curriculum
Betty Koval, Secretary
Linda Lowe, Treasurer
David Styers, Past President

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

NEW LEARNING TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES



"We're ba-ack!"

OK, that's a paraphrase of a somewhat obscure line from a movie, but it seems to be entirely appropriate to begin our chats for the new year, and besides, by now you all know how much I enjoy

including obscure quotes and stories into these letters.

As is my wont, I think back over what we've been through — and what we've achieved — in the past year, and then look forward to the possibilities of the new.

Almost overnight, we changed from a vibrant group brought together perhaps as much by the personal contact as by the learning opportunities, to an entirely online, personal-less face on the computer. Yet our programs, and our relationships didn't change. Those changes we experienced were virtually seamless (pun intended), and thanks to the hard work of the College of Professional Studies staff, and especially our outstanding group of instructors, we never lost a beat. Everybody out there deserves congratulations for making that so.

Now, the summer's over. The selection of courses developed by CPS and presented over that term was outstanding. In addition, they offered us the testbed for an entirely new system of offering courses to you. We have embraced a new educational technology and made it ours. And now, in another totally unrelated movie reference, we are "about to go where no OLLI has gone before." Hmmm. I think I'm starting to see a trend here.

You see, by combining what we've learned over the past year with what we know how to do so well, OLLI at UAH is about to embark on a journey rife with possibilities. You'll have a chance to explore some of those during the fall term.

Crafts will be making a huge comeback. We have listened to your comments, and will be bringing back an expanded version of the bonus "Explore the Rainbow: Gender and Sexual Minorities" as a course, titled "The GSM Experience in the United States." And finally, for the thespians among us, check out the new "Shakespeare for Lovers ... and Haters" special course. I can assure you that this will be a whole new direction for us. This is just the beginning. So don't go anywhere. Things are only going to get better. To find the fall term course guide go to Osher.uah.edu/CourseGuide

On another topic that's near and dear to my heart, I want to talk about and encourage you all to use the Google Classroom app with your classes. IMHO, this is one of the best things we have at OLLI vis-à-vis the extension of the learning experience. It's a place for handouts, questions and answers, and even discussions of things that tweaked a thought during the presentations. I love it!

Even better, it's relatively easy to acquire and use. First, the basic requirement is that you have access to Google on your computer (so I guess that actually makes having a computer or smart device really the first thing!? But I digress). Then you can sign up for a *free* Gmail account through Google.

From there, look for the nine little dots in the upper right corner of the Google home screen — the Google apps. Click on that, scroll down, and there is Classroom. Just click to activate. When classes start, you'll get an invitation to Classroom. Accept, and you're done. Simple, right? And by the way, OLLI will be offering training on how to do all of this several times before the term starts.

That being said, setting up a Gmail account (which is necessary to gain access into Google Classroom) *requires* access to a cellphone. It doesn't have to be a cellphone you own yourself (it can be a friend's, parent's, etc.) but you can't get the access code to finish setting up the Gmail account unless you can receive a text. The text will then be sent to the number you supply, and you have to be able to view it in order to complete setting up your account. Getting the set-up code doesn't usually work without a cellphone. There is not an option for you to receive the code over a regular phone that handles voice only.

Now, I know that some of you don't have cellphones, so this does throw a little monkey wrench into the process. But I'll bet you have a friend or relative who does — especially kids or grandkids. They understand this stuff and will be glad to help!

So, if you can, set up your Gmail account and get started. I think you'll agree that it makes the whole OLLI educational experience even better.

And with that, I shall bid you adieu. You have no idea how much I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you again. Soon. Till next time ...

John Mason
VP of Curriculum. OLLI at UAH Board of Directors

COURSE SPOTLIGHT

SHAKESPEARE FOR LOVERS ... AND HATERS

Do you want to explore your thespian side? Do you think Sir Laurence Olivier's performance of "Hamlet" wasn't bad, but you think, here, hold my beer? If so, then this is the course for you!

Here at OLLI, we've long been wanting to offer a unique arts and letters experience — page to stage. Many of our members already have a love of Shakespeare, and many of you have experience reading aloud and performing. Add to that members who look for a deep dive into subject matter, and you have the perfect artistic storm.

At the crossroads of all this interest is this fall's threecourse workshop, "Shakespeare for Lovers ... and Haters" and "Platform Performance," Versions I and II. Some of the most famous and beautiful (even with evil intent) speeches will be worked using the poetry and rhythm as guide. Participants will get to hear the stories of many plays, and, after a few speeches are chosen, the material will be compiled and presented in a Reader's Theatre performance at the end of the term.

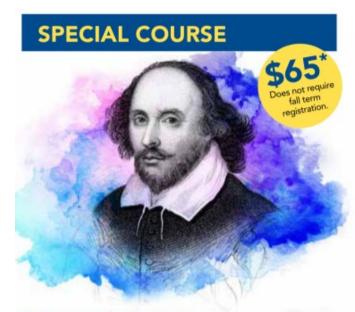
Our guide through this experience will be Susan Hazen Guthrie, a nationally known Shakespearean producer and director as well as a published poet. Susan has years of experience studying the Bard and making his work come alive, and now she will do just that for us! Here's what she has to say about the course:

"Winter's 'Shakespeare for Lovers ... and Haters' has grown into a performance project — a Reader's Theatre production of Shakespeare scenes and soliloguies. Two new parts, 'Platform Performance' I and II, make our fall Shakespeare Workshop a unique and fun experience for all participants no matter the level of experience.

"The focus is on poetic form and rhythm, the creative process is inspiring, and there is always high comedy and deep tragedy. Join us as we go from page to stage!"

So, this is the casting call for all you aspiring performers out there. Come and enjoy the fun of learning ... and performing! Register for this special course at Osher.uah.edu/Shakespeare

John Mason VP of Curriculum, OLLI at UAH Board of Directors



Shakespeare Theatre Workshop

All the world's a stage! Explore your creative side learning and performing Shakespeare with this three-part workshop. The workshop will begin with Shakespeare for Lovers and Haters where members will study classical verse and rhythm in monologues, scenes, and soliloquies. Apply what you learned by performing in a novice version of a reader's theatre platform. Members will carry a script and have minimal stylized movement.

Practice makes perfect, right? Members can rehearse on their own throughout the term. Return November 8th for final rehearsals to prepare for the OLLI at UAH Company performance for family, friends, and fellow members. No prior theatre or performance experience necessary. Members are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing for all classes/ rehearsals, bringing your willingness to learn and your humor.

SCHEDULE - *Course fee covers all classes.

Shakespeare for Lovers and Haters

9/3 - 9/10 (not meeting on 9/6) • 3:00 - 4:30 pm • 5 sessions

Shakespeare Reading Platform Performance I 9/3 - 9/10 (not meeting on 9/6) • 5:15 - 7:00 pm • 5 sessions

Shakespeare Reading Platform Performance II

11/8 - 11/12 • 2:00 - 6:30 pm (includes dinner break) • 5 sessions

Final Performance

Saturday, November 13, 2021 • Location and time TBD



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MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

OLLI MEMBERS SHOOT AMAZING PICTURES



As one of our varied responsibilities, it has been the joy of the Member Services Committee to coordinate the annual OLLI Photo Contest.

We have many talented photographic enthusiasts who enter each year with amazing

pictures. You don't have to be an expert to catch a subject on film that you can enter.

Our qualified judges have decided on the winners of the 2021 Photo Contest. The theme was *Scenic Tennessee Valley*. We are pleased to announce the winners here:

- First-place winner is Chet Wright with his photo "Fall Float on the West Fork."
- Second-place winner is Yvonne Simms with "Ethereal World."
- Third-place winner is Patricia Haag with "Alabama Snow."

Honorable mentions are:

- Steve Jones for "Bradford Creek Greenway."
- William Spears for "Fall on Monte Sano."
- Deborah Gilbert for "Sunset Over Guntersville."

Thanks so much to all who entered and to our wonderful judges who took their time and effort to do a great job.

The topic and directions for entering the 2022 Photo Contest are available on the OLLI website at Osher.uah.edu/OLLIPhotoContest There are so many changes happening around Huntsville that it should be easy to find a way to capture a picture of something new in the Rocket City.

We are excited to be able to come back to campus this fall and get to see everyone in person. Member Services tries to help make the OLLI experience enjoyable and enriching for everyone. If you would like to be involved with us, please contact me at lblackie01@gmail.com.

Leah Black
OLLI at UAH Members Services Committee Chair





OLLI LIFE

OLLI PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS 2021



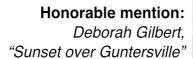
First place: Chet Wright, "Fall Float on the West Fork"



Honorable mention: Steve Jones, "Bradford Creek Greenway"



Honorable mention: William Spears, "Fall on Monte Sano"





Second place: *Yvonne Simms, "Ethereal World"*



Third place: Patricia Haag, "Alabama Snow"

<u>Theme:</u> "Scenic Tennessee Valley"



CPS NEWS

FALL TERM IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER



OLLI is back on campus! We are so excited to have our members back in the hallways and classrooms at Wilson Hall. Your OLLI staff, Board of Directors, and committees have been working hard to welcome you to in-person courses, events, meetings, and more!

To start off, we will have our Fall Term Open House on **August 10th at 10:00 am at Wilson Hall**. Join us to learn more about the fall term courses, meet instructors, the curriculum committee, get your fall parking permit, and enjoy the company of fellow members. This event is open to the general public, so bring on your friends to share OLLI with them! Register at Osher.uah.edu/OpenHouse.

Then, celebrate OLLI by attending the 2nd Annual OLLI Day Alabama. As proclaimed by Alabama Governor Kay Ivey in 2020, OLLI Day Alabama is a celebration of the hard work of volunteers, members, and staff to achieve successful lifelong learning programs at The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), The University of Alabama (UA), and Auburn University. Join us on Friday, August 20th starting at 8:30 am for breakfast at the Student Services Building in the UAH campus. Mayor Tommy Battle will join us for the proclamation of OLLI Day and will be followed by notable speaker, Dr. Curt Fields as he does a life portrayal of *Ulysses S. Grant, The Man* Behind the Uniform. Throughout the day, the other OLLI programs will offer various speakers and members can connect online. To register for this event and find more information about our speakers series, go to Osher.uah.edu/OLLIDayAlabama.

As a recap since we last connected through *The OLLI Insider*, Dr. Karen Clanton retired from the UAH College of Professional Studies, and so did the UAH Provost, Dr. Christine Curtis. Dr. Jason Greene, Dean

of the UAH College of Business is the Interim Dean for the College of Professional Studies. You will be able meet him and wish well to Dr. Clanton, at the OLLI Annual Meeting on **Wednesday**, **September 8th at 4:00 pm.** You will also get the chance to meet and attend a presentation by Dr. Darren Dawson, UAH President. So, join us for a fun afternoon back on campus with fellow OLLI members to recognize the hard work of our volunteers, members, and staff and more!

Fall term registration is now open and you can find the course guide at Osher.uah.edu/CourseGuide. The term officially starts on September 13th, but courses have various start dates throughout the term. Also, pay attention to the "Icon Key" section, as many courses will be either in-person, online only, or LIVE virtual.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at 256.824.6183 or email us at OLLLinfo@uah.edu.

See you soon!

Ale Pacheco, OLLI at UAH Program Manager



TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 10:00 am – noon | Wilson Hall Lobby

Get ready for the fall term and come back to campus! Enjoy the company of fellow OLLI members, meet new members, learn more about the courses, and register for the term.

- Meet instructors & the Curriculum Committee
- · Register for fall term courses
 - Enter to win door prizes

RSVP at Osher.uah.edu/OLLIOpenHouse

PEOPLE OF OLLI

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S PATH TO OLLI

This month's *People of OLLI* features a woman who is not only an OLLI member, but also supports OLLI with the Support Fund.

Jennifer Schnabel Brost is the development officer for the UAH Salmon Library, academic units, athletic departments and UAH College of Professional Studies, which means she secures financial gifts for OLLI.

Jennifer grew up in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where her father worked for the county and her mother stayed at home raising her and her younger sister Mary. Jennifer became the first in her family to graduate from college when she earned a B.A. in early childhood education in 2000 at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin, which is close to Green Bay.

"The Green Bay Packers train at St. Norbert," Jennifer said, "and yes, I am a cheese head — Go Packers!" Later Jennifer would earn an M.A. in public affairs and policy from UAH.

Jennifer has had a varied career.

"My very first job was a paper route in my neighborhood," she said. "Once I turned 16, I worked as a page at the local library, shelving books and waiting on library patrons. I still have the Dewey Decimal System memorized!

"After college, I began my career in fundraising at the United Way of Brown County in Green Bay. I have been in fundraising my entire career, including at my alma mater, where I was a grant and proposal writer. Before coming to Huntsville, I worked for a nonprofit that focused on rehabilitating residential homes in downtown neighborhoods in Green Bay."

Jennifer came to Huntsville and UAH in 2010. She began as the school's special event coordinator, then worked in alumni relations and has been the development officer for the last eight years. She finds her job rewarding.

"I couldn't have attended college if it wasn't for the wonderful donors who provided scholarships to students with both financial needs and academic merit. It's rewarding to know what I do is helping students who were in need like me all those years ago."

Jennifer doesn't spend all her time working. She is taking an OLLI course in yoga, a practice she has done for 20 years.

"I look forward to meeting fellow OLLI members when we can resume in-person classes," she said. Jennifer will be teaching *Crocheting for Beginners* this fall!

"I love being outside in Huntsville. Most weekends I can be found hiking one of the many trails in the area. I also enjoy cooking, crafts, and reading."

Jennifer is much more than a weekend hiker. She just finished a solo five-day backpacking trip at Isle Royale National Park in Michigan.

Her immediate family consists of two feline fur babies, Priscilla and Sam. "But with my job at UAH, I joke that I have 10,000 wonderfully successful children," she said.

Thanks, Jennifer, for all you do for OLLI and UAH.

By Glen Adams



Jennifer Schnabel Brost

PEOPLE OF OLLI

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES OLLI SUPPORT STAFF

OLLI has the support of many staff members in the College of Professional Studies (CPS) at UAH. Get to know the support staff below!



Fathia Hardy - CPS Director of Outreach and Support Services

Fathia has been with UAH for eight years, starting as an event coordinator for student affairs, assistant director of outreach and event management, and associate director in CPS, and moving into her current role this year. She has served on numerous committees at UAH, including former staff senate president and dance team advisor/coach. She is also the FYE 101 instructor each fall for incoming exploratory freshmen. Fathia holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a Public Relations Certificate from the University of Cincinnati and a MBA from UAH. She will begin her Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration (Ed.D.) at The University of Alabama this fall. Her community involvement includes Leadership Greater Huntsville, Fantasy Playhouse Children's

Theatre and Academy board member, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She is from Birmingham and resides in Madison with husband Eric and their two children, Malik, 12, Farrah Starr, 4, and fur baby, Fanci.



Ale Pacheco - OLLI Program Manager

Ale is originally from Lima, Peru, and came to UAH 12 years ago. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management and her Master of Business Administration at UAH. She was very involved on campus as a collegiate, as she worked for Housing, joined Delta Zeta Sorority, and was part of the UAH tennis team. As a professional, she worked as a resident director for UAH Housing, and then as an admissions counselor for UAH Undergraduate Admissions. One of Ale's favorite things to do is travel. Ale does extensive travel in the U.S. and around the world. She also volunteers in the community and enjoys working as an advisor to the collegiate members of

Delta Zeta at UAH. Ale and her husband reside in Madison with their two fur babies, Emilio and Diego.



Alice Sammon - OLLI Program Coordinator

Alice has been involved with OLLI at UAH for the past five years. She enjoys meeting OLLI members and is passionate about the program and its impact on the community. She was born in Toronto and spent most summers on a family farm in Quebec. She grew up in Canada and New England with her 10 brothers and sisters. She graduated from Wesley College in Dover, Delaware, and studied business management. Most of her professional life has been in sales and marketing, working with government and commercial accounts, nationally and internationally. She is married to George, who is a beekeeper, and they have three grown children, who are residing in Nashville, Chattanooga and

Denver. When she is not at OLLI, you can find her outdoors on Monte Sano, hiking the trails and exploring.



Kathy Hosch - CPS Senior Associate Director

Kathy has worked in the dean's office for 25-plus years, handling a variety of duties, including administrative management, office accounting, registration office management, conferences and events. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from UAH. She has lived in North Alabama all her life, even though she was born in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. She has been married to Carey for 40-plus years and has two daughters, one son-in-law, and a grandbaby coming in September.



Amber Capello - CPS Marketing Manager

Amber Capello has been with UAH for nine years, starting as a marketing and graphics assistant for CPS. In her current role, she is responsible for marketing and graphic design for each department within the college. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art from the University of Mississippi. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband, Steve, and her two boys, Luca and Micah. Amber also volunteers at the North Alabama Foster Closet and The Brook church in Madison.

PEOPLE OF OLLI

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES OLLI SUPPORT STAFF CONTINUED



Lamar Pryor - CPS Information Technology Administrator

Lamar has been with UAH for 4½ years, starting as IT analyst with the UAH Office of Risk Management, supporting Facilities and Public Safety. Lamar has worked in supporting IT-related roles for the past 11 years in computer mainframe support, software distribution and data management, hardware and software configuration, virtual computing and migration projects. He has supported some research initiatives in cyber security and cloud technologies. He holds a Bachelor of Information Technology with a software emphasis from the University of Phoenix and soon will be completing a Master of Science in Information Systems from UAH. He loves to cook and laugh. His first name is Britney, but he goes by Lamar. He resides in Athens with wife Cherilyn and four

children: Cherise, 13; Ciara, 11; Brooklyn, 4; and Braxton, 4.



Rita Campbell - CPS Registration Office Administrator

Rita Campbell is the registration office administrator in CPS. She retired from UAH in June 2010 and returned to work as a part-time, on-call employee shortly afterward. She is a longtime OLLI member and has been at UAH since OLLI's inception in 1993 (at that time, it was called The Academy for Lifetime Learning). The Academy attracted the attention of seniors (sometimes referred to as "seasoned adults") and grew rapidly. Rita started out registering Academy members, and little did she know that many years later she would be one of those "seasoned adults" who enjoys meeting a lot of friendly faces and getting to know other OLLI members. Rita is a native of Crossville, Tennessee, and resides in Madison with husband Ted. She has two daughters and two grandsons,

and one of her greatest joys in life is being a grandmother (aka "Ba").



Jessica Loving - CPS Assistant to the Dean

Jessica started her time at UAH in 2016. Prior to coming to UAH, Jessica lived in Falls Church, Virginia, and worked as the assistant director of Virginia Tech's Executive MBA Program. In that capacity she helped many adults return to school to accomplish their goal of earning an MBA. She was able to travel with her students on residencies to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Finland, Russia, Turkey and Vietnam, among other locations. Jessica earned her B.A. in Communication with concentrations in Interpersonal Communication and Public Relations from George Mason University. Jessica enjoys do-it-yourself home projects, cooking, and spending time with her family. Natalie, her

3-year-old daughter, and Arya, her 9-year-old German shepherd-labrador mix, keep her on her toes.



Hughey - CPS Web Content and Data Systems Administrator

Hughey serves as part of the CPS marketing team. A 2001 UAH graduate, Hughey returned to campus as a staff member in 2008 and has enjoyed seeing CPS grow over the years. Hughey holds a dual major — Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts and Rhetoric plus Art Studio and Painting — with minors in Mathematics, Women's Studies, and Computer Mediated Communications. Hughey is pursuing a second bachelor's degree focused on Engineering Technology. Outside UAH, Hughey devotes time and talent to the fiber arts, both individually creating and as part of a family business, the Foldout Cat Fiber-Arts Studio. Along with partner JJ and spouse Q, Hughey creates beautiful, functional and tactile art, in addition to tools and supplies for other fiber artists. Hughey, JJ

and Q share their home life with a herd of 13 cats, two dogs and one hedgehog, plus enough fiber projects to ensure that post-apocalyptic life skills can always be practiced.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEET GENERAL GRANT DURING OLLI DAY

OLLI at UAH will again be participating in the state of Alabama's OLLI Day this year on August 20, 2021.

The 2nd Annual OLLI Day Alabama festivities will begin with a breakfast at 9:00 am at the Student Services Building on the UAH campus. Opening remarks will be given by Interim Dean for the College of Professional Studies, Dr. Jason Greene, followed by Huntsville Mayor, Tommy Battle as he proclaims OLLI Day in the city of Huntsville. Afterwards, Dr. Curtis Fields, will do a live portrayal of American hero Gen. Grant: *Ulysses S. Grant, the Man Behind the Uniform,* sponsored by the OLLI at UAH Curriculum Committee. The breakfast session will also be available online for our OLLI at UAH members.

Fields has provided this living history to groups all over the country, including being the only living historian to be featured on two national magazine covers at the same time and for the same event, the Appomattox 150th anniversary in 2015; being selected as the official Grant for the U.S. Grant Boyhood Home Association in Georgetown, Ohio; portraying President Grant for the opening and dedication of the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University on Nov. 30, 2017; portraying Gen. Grant at West Point at the request of the U.S. Military Academy in January 2019 to kick off the "semester of Grant" celebration prior to erecting a statue of him on the plain, April 25, 2019; and portraying President Grant for the freshman class orientation at Mississippi State University, August 2019.

The OLLI programs at The University of Alabama and Auburn University will be participating via Zoom at the opening session, and will follow with their own local events and special speakers, all of which will be available for statewide participation online.

If you are a history buff, this will be an event you simply do not want to miss! All OLLI members and the general public are invited to celebrate this special day! Reserve your seat and find more details at Osher.uah.edu/OLLIAlabamaDay

John Mason VP of Curriculum, OLLI at UAH Board of Directors





OLLI LIFE

MARGARITAS, TRIVIA, TRAVEL ADVENTURES

OLLI members enjoyed a Cinco de Mayo Zoom celebration on May 5. Talina Acklin, instructor and licensed mixologist, showed attendees how to make the perfect margarita with a live demonstration. Members also tested their knowledge of Cinco de Mayo with a trivia game. The event ended with members sharing stories and adventures of their travels to Mexico.



PARKING PERMIT PICKUP DAY

On July 12, OLLI members were on campus for the first time in over a year to pick up parking permits for the summer term. It was exciting to visit with friends and socialize in person.





OLLI LIFE

WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN - BUT STILL ONLINE

OLLI is in a transition to going in person from teaching all courses online during the pandemic — but the online component isn't going away. Four summer courses are being taught both online and in person, while other courses are still all-online. These scenes are from the first session on July 14 of "Experiences of the Von Braun Rocket Team Families," taught by Chris Stuhlinger, Rainer Klauss, and Heidi Weber Collier, with contributions from other children of those families. Members are attending the course in the classroom at UAH and via Zoom.















THE LAST WORD



OLLI Annual Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

Social at 4:00 pm | Program at 4:30 pm | UAH Student Services Building 112 | \$10 per person



Join us to celebrate and recognize all the hard work of our volunteers and members through the past two years.



SPEAKER: Dr. Darren Dawson

Meet UAH president, Dr. Darren Dawson, and learn about UAH campus updates, upcoming projects, and more!



WELL WISHES

Celebrate the accomplishments of Dr. Karen Clanton, Dean Emerita, College of Professional Studies, and wish her well in retirement.

Reserve your seat at Osher.uah.edu/OLLIAnnualMeeting

by September 1st, 2021