

**Lamoille Valley OLLI  
Spring 2024**

Register for the entire series by  
**January 24 - \$40.50**

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New member  Returning

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**Early Bird Special - \$40.50**  
(online registration or postmark by  
January 24)

Full series after Jan. 24 - **\$45**

Individual Program(s) - **\$8 each:**

Date Title Speaker

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**Registration/Payment Options**

We can no longer take payment or registration at the door, but we can assist you.

Pre-registration prior to the series is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

Membership in LVOC entitles you to attend regional OLLI programs state-wide. You also gain a discount when registering for OLLI programs at UVM, many of which are online.

**Pre-registration Options**

1. Go to [learn.uvm.edu/olli/lamoille](http://learn.uvm.edu/olli/lamoille) and register online with your credit card.

2. Phone 802-656-8407 and register with your credit card at the UVM Non-Credit Office during regular business hours.

3. Complete the registration form to the left indicating that you want to attend the full series (**Early birds save money!**) or indicating specific programs.

Mail the form and your check (made out to University of Vermont--OLLI) to the Non-Credit Office, 109 South Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05405. **Allow 14 days** from the date of mailing for receipt and processing of your check.

**For registration assistance,  
call 802-656-8407.**

Lamoille Valley Osher  
138 Congress Street  
Morrisville, VT 05661



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**2024 Spring Schedule**

8 Lectures on Wednesdays  
February 7 - March 27

Stowe Cinema 3Plex  
454 Mountain Road Stowe,  
Vermont



**Check-in starts at 12:30 pm  
Lectures start at 1:00 pm**

**For weather-related schedule changes, check the website [learn.uvm.edu/lamoille](http://learn.uvm.edu/lamoille), or listen to WDEV 550 AM or WLVB 93.9 FM.**

## Mission

To provide intellectually stimulating, affordable, non-credit learning opportunities to people 50 and over throughout Vermont in community settings



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### Lamoille Valley Osher Committee

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### February 7: The Backcountry Skiing Renaissance

Backcountry skiing is enjoying a remarkable renaissance and is now the fastest growing part of the ski industry. Today's backcountry skiers are following the ski tracks of skiers in the 1930s on trails built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Author, radio host, and podcaster **David Goodman** will show photos of skiing past and present and discuss how skiers of today are reconnecting with skiing's roots. Goodman is the recipient of the 2023 Paul Robbins Journalism Award from the Vermont Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame.

### February 14: Whodunits and Whydunits

Well-known film buff **Rick Winston** will look at some films that use the murder mystery genre to make larger points about social issues, whether it's race (*In the Heat of the Night*), immigration (*Lone Star*), official corruption (*The Secret in their Eyes*), or class divides (*Mystic River* and *Gosford Park*). Winston's new book *Save Me a Seat! A Life with Movies* recounts the history of Montpelier's Savoy Theater, which he co-owned from 1981-2009.

### February 21: Building Resilience in Vermont Communities

Since 2006, Front Porch Forum has helped neighbors connect and build community in Vermont towns. Among the state's 270,000 households, FPF has more than 230,000 members. And this critical mass of people put FPF to great use in many ways. FPF co-founder **Michael Wood-Lewis** will share insights from his experience leading a staff of 27 Vermonters who serve every town in the state. Wood-Lewis has been pulling neighbors together since his Indiana childhood spent organizing ballgames and visiting folks on his evening paper route.

**February 28: "Intimate Grandeur," Restoration of Vermont's State House**  
Vermont State Curator **David Schutz** has been involved with restoration, care, and conservation of the historic Vermont State House and its collections of fine art, decorative art, and historic furniture since 1979. In 2015, he co-authored with Nancy Price Graff a comprehensive history of the State House, *Intimate Grandeur: Vermont's State House*. In his illustrated talk, Schutz will share the challenges and successes of rehabilitating historic structures so that their historic features are not only respected but enhanced.

### March 6: How Iceland's Elves Can Save the Earth

In this time of climate crisis, Iceland suggests a different way of thinking about the Earth, one that offers hope. Author and science writer **Nancy Brown** will share her encounters with Iceland's Otherworld—on a holy mountain, beside a glacier and an erupting volcano, crossing the cold desert at the island's heart. Brown believes that the stories we tell shape the world we see. She argues that our beliefs about the Earth will preserve, or destroy, it. Author of nine highly praised books about Iceland and the Viking Age, Brown "makes a strong case for everyday wonder," says the *New York Times*.

### March 13: Book Talk: *The Dissent Channel: American Diplomacy in a Dishonest Age*

Author and former career diplomat with the US Department of State **Elizabeth Shackelford** will discuss her book *The Dissent Channel*, which recounts her 2013-2014 assignment in South Sudan and offers a firsthand example of the devolving state of US foreign policy and accountability around the world. *The Dissent Channel* was the winner of the 2020 Douglas Dillon Award for a Book of Distinction on the Practice of American Diplomacy. Shackelford is

a Senior Fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and columnist with the *Chicago Tribune*. She has appeared alongside Jon Stewart, Christiane Amanpour, and others.

### March 20: Rosie's Mom—Forgotten Women of the First World War

One hundred years ago, a full generation before Rosie the Riveter, women rolled up their sleeves and entered war industries where they had never before been welcome. They ran powerful machinery, learned new skills, and faced the sullen hostility of the men in the shops. In this illustrated talk, historian and museum curator **Dr. Carrie Brown** reveals their courage and hard work and explores how these women helped shape the workplaces that their more famous daughters would enter during the next World War.

### March 27: The Life and Times of Mt. Mansfield's Bicknell's Thrush

On Mt. Mansfield, the mysterious and secretive Bicknell's Thrush rules! As a result, Vermont Center for Ecostudies scientists have studied this rare, sensitive songbird in Vermont, and beyond, for the last 30 years. In her illustrated talk, Conservation Scientist **Desiree Narango, PhD** will describe her interactions with this rare bird, what it eats, and where it goes for the winter. She will also discuss ongoing and new research about the conservation of the Bicknell's Thrush and will reveal what this small bird has taught scientists about both the high-elevation ecosystems of the Northeast and the tropical forests of Hispaniola.