

Fall 2022 Brown Bag Descriptions and Biographies

The OLLI at Auburn Brown Bag Series is free and open to the public. Brown Bags are on Wednesdays during the term, from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Boykin Community Center Auditorium, 400 Boykin St., Auburn. **No registration is required.**

- September 21** Jason Chang presents **Taiwan: A Pleasant Island Waiting for You to Explore**
Join us for a snapshot of Taiwanese culture and day-to-day living including housing, shopping, transportation, and food.
*Dr. Chang was born and raised in Taiwan. After getting his pharmacist license, he went to the Ohio State University (Columbus, OH) to get a PhD degree in Pharmacology. He was further trained as a Post-doctoral Researcher at the Washington University (St. Louis, MO). He then joined the Department of Neurobiology and Developmental Sciences at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Little Rock, AR). After working for 28 years as a faculty, doing research, teaching graduate and medical students, he retired in 2020 and moved to Auburn, AL. Dr. Chang enjoys gardening and backyard birdwatching. He often plays pickleball in the morning, and occasionally plays traditional Taiwanese music at night with an old harmonica.
- September 28** Sheila Masters presents **A Brief History of Human Subjects Research**
Data collected from and about human subjects can be vital in developing safe, effective treatment protocols, but how do researchers ensure the rights and welfare of human participants are protected? In this talk, Sheila Masters provides a brief history of human subjects research, Institutional Review Boards and what you need to know before enrolling in a research study.
*Sheila Masters has been professionally involved in human studies research for more than 30 years. She is the former Executive Director of VISTAR, a research non-profit affiliated with the Birmingham VA Medical Center and former Director of the UAB Office of Institutional Review Board for Human Use. She now works as a consultant in human subjects research.
- October 5** Gerald Johnson presents **The Realities of the Electoral and Voting Processes**
The U.S. Presidential Election process can be daunting. What's an electoral college? What's the difference between a primary and a caucus? What are national conventions for?
*Gerald Johnson is Professor Emeritus in political science at Auburn University.
- October 12** David Tillman presents **Living Your Best Life!!!**
Regular exercise helps people age more slowly and live healthier, more vigorous lives. And it also helps people live longer.
*David Tillman is a Silver Sneakers certified exercise instructor.
- October 19** Zanice Bond presents **A Death in the Family: Quilts, Memory, and Bereavement**
Grief is an overwhelming emotion that everyone experiences. Creating quilts and other arts in memory of loved ones is a way to work through grief and a way to bereave their loss.

*Zanice Bond is an Alabama Folklife Association Cauthen Fellow and is doing research on bereavement quilts. This work is inspired by her father's recent death.

October 26 Wayne Flynt presents ***Afternoons with Harper Lee***
Afternoons with Harper Lee is a celebration of friendship, literature, and how place and history shape us all.
*Wayne Flynt is Professor Emeritus in history at Auburn University and was a personal friend of Harper Lee's.

November 2 Larry Gerber presents ***Murder and My Rug Adventure in the Republic of Georgia***
Larry will recount his experience of ordering a custom-made rug from the country of Georgia in the Caucasus and then discovering before he went to Georgia to pick up the rug that the American ex-pat he was dealing with had been murdered along with his family. Hear about the surprising conclusion to his trip to the Caucasus and see the rug he brought back.
*Larry Gerber is Professor Emeritus in history at Auburn University.