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## MONTHLY MEETING

### The Energy of the Future

Wednesday, April 8 2020

CANCELLED-ONLINE OPTION BELOW

*Our regular monthly meeting for April has been canceled due to governmental and health regulations, but we thought you might like this free course from MIT about Energy Decisions, Markets & Policies that you can go through at any time.*

This course examines the choices and constraints regarding sources and uses of energy by households, firms, and governments through a number of frameworks to describe and explain behavior at various levels of aggregation. Examples include a wide range of countries, scope, settings, and analytical approaches.

This course is one of many OCW Energy Courses, and it is a core subject in MIT's undergraduate Energy Studies Minor. This Institute-wide program complements the deep expertise obtained in any major with a broad understanding of the interlinked realms of science, technology, and social sciences as they relate to energy and associated environmental challenges.

Visit: <https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/sloan-school-of-management/15-031j-energy-decisions-markets-and-policies-spring-2012>

## NOTES & NEWS

- Many events have been canceled through April or May, please call or check online before attending.
- Happy Easter on April 12th.
- Happy Tax Day on April 15th.
- Check out the 17th annual Saginaw on Stage Musical Festival on Sat. April 17th from 5:30-11 p.m. at the SVRC Marketplace. Tickets range between \$15-25. For more info visit [saginawonstage.com](http://saginawonstage.com)
- The 29th annual antique show put on by the Saginaw Valley Antique Society will take place on Saturday, April 18th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Valley Lutheran H.S. \$4 admission.
- If you have an OLLI friend that does NOT have an email address on file with us, please have them call and leave a message with one for communication purposes during the current shutdown.

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## WEIRD LAWS

In TN: Duelists must give up their political office if they participate in a duel.

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 14/16

Registration for Spring/Summer Begins Online and Phone ONLY

Wednesday, May 13

Monthly Meeting: Dave Kampfschulte  
*I Am Dying to Talk to You*  
Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms-Tentative

Wednesday, June 10

Monthly Meeting: Tawny Ryan Nelb  
*Women's Contributions in WWI & WWII*

## CHAIR'S NOTE



Hello OLLI friends,

My good news for this month continues news from a Washington Post article by its Editorial Board. The article reports some good things that happened in 2019. First, the residents of Hong Kong are demonstrating that hopes for democracy and the rule of law are alive and well. They have been protesting in droves for months and months and voted in record numbers to support pro-democracy candidates in local elections.

Second, in similarly inspiring fashion, women in Latin America and then world-wide rallied against anti-women violence. Young people in many countries demanded action on climate change, and young people in the United States kept up demands for progress on gun-law reform.

Third, people-power was demonstrated in Sudan when, after months of dangerous protesting against the murderous dictatorship of Omar al-Bashir, citizens won a commitment for a three-year transition leading to elections. Al-Bashir was sentenced to two years in prison for corruption.

These actions renew my faith that, in spite of all the news about offenses by authoritarian governments and what seems like omnipresent corruption, there are large swaths of folks who fight for good.

—Carol Gohm, Advisory Board Chair

**FIGHT**  
the  
**GOOD FIGHT**

## ANTIQUE SHOW

Join the Saginaw Valley Antique Society for the 29th annual Antique Show at Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw on April 18th.

The show runs from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and the cost of admission is just four dollars per person. There will even be a certified antique specialist to provide verbal appraisals for up to two items as part of one's admission fee (between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. only.)



This show will feature over forty vendors! There will also be a bake sale and lunch offered by the Valley Lutheran Parent's Organization.

So grab your glassware, snatch up your strand of pearls, or polish your pistol and find out their true worth at this exciting event.

You may even want to stock your curios with a bundle of antique brooches or a handful of heirloom buttons. You will find it all at this show!

## EASTER EGGS

Do you color Easter eggs? Do you take your grandchildren to Easter egg hunts around town? Do you relish the thought of that pastel-hued egg salad sandwich you'll get to eat soon after Easter? If so, then you should look for online "Easter eggs."

Easter eggs is an online term for an intentional inside joke, hidden message, or secret feature of a program or website.

For example, search "askew" in Google...notice anything odd? Try changing your Facebook language setting to "English (pirate)" instead of the regular version. Google "do a barrel roll" and hang on!

Why do different companies, web designers, or software engineers include Easter Eggs? Not only are they *fun*, but they keep people coming back to those pages again and again—good marketing technique, no?

So this Easter holiday, ditch the cholesterol *or chocolate* and try an online Easter egg hunt instead. You never know what you might find.



## CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS

- Bridge
- Buddhist Psychology
- Celtic Music
- Choral Singing
- Creative Doodling
- Cross Country Skiing
- Current Events
- Cycling
- Dinner
- Esoteric Cosmology
- Games
- Gardening
- Guitar
- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Knitting
- Lunch
- Movies
- Music Collegium
- OLLI Folks on Spokes
- Pickleball
- Ping Pong
- Recorder (dojo)
- Recreational Biking
- Sharing the Great Courses
- Stamp & Coin Collecting
- Theatre

For group leader contact info see: [svsu.edu/olli](http://svsu.edu/olli)

## OFFICE SPOTLIGHT

### Meet Connie!



Connie Szabo is our new full time secretary in the OLLI office. She comes to us from a background in insurance and campus financials and hails from Freeland. Go Falcons!

Connie attended Delta College and loves working with people. She has a son and a daughter with her husband, Jay, of 28 years. She also enjoys cooking and baking and following sports, especially football.

We are excited to welcome Connie to the OLLI office, so give her a call to say hello!

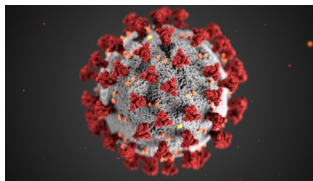
## OLLI AT HOME

By now, all of you have heard that OLLI has suspended its programming through the end of March and for all of April. Though it may seem extreme to some, older people are most at risk for complications from COVID-19 or the coronavirus, and we didn't want to take any chances on your health!

We know you miss the learning component *and* social component of our programs, however; so we are taking it online, the *OLLI way*.

Every weekday during our suspension we will be posting an educational video, lectures, or website to *our* website under the section "OLLI at Home." Check it out. Hopefully these will curb your appetite for learning each day until we can see you again.

OLLI recommends you stay home when you can and avoid travel in general—but we also know you want to see and chat with your friends. To help with this we have created an OLLI Facebook page, just for our friends to chat on, post pictures, or watch videos. The page name is "Friends of SVSU OLLI." You will have to create a Facebook account to utilize this, but Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with friends, see family photos, and much more. To help you out, we have posted a video, "How to Join Facebook" in our website section OLLI at Home.



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## GROUP FOCUS: BUDDHIST PSYCHOLOGY

The group discusses a broad range of topics, centering on the usefulness of Buddhist mind training towards enhancing well-being. The initial goal is to improve our understanding of reality, so as to foster kindness, compassion, joy, and equanimity, as it is needed in our everyday lives. In addition to discussion, we make use of analytical and concentrated meditation. Participation is open to all OLLI members, regardless of background. Meetings are held at 10:00 AM on the first Fridays of every month. For more information, please contact group leader Dr. Eric Devos at devos@svsu.edu or 989.964.4329.



## NEWSLETTER

"The Adventurer" is published monthly for SVSU-OLLI members at Saginaw Valley State University. Reprints of this newsletter may be obtained by calling 989.964.4475.

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

April doesn't just mean greener grass and hope for a few flowers peaking up through the soil, but registration for the upcoming spring/summer semester! Be sure to keep an eye out for your OLLI catalog and prepare to register for some exciting offerings. Starting with our fall catalog, we will be taking member submissions for cover art—your unique photos, drawings, or paintings in digital form. High quality digital files that are vertical will be accepted by me from now until June, October, and February for the various catalog covers. Just send me your visual in an email! Selected art will receive a free OLLI membership for our anniversary year! [keelliso@svsu.edu](mailto:keelliso@svsu.edu)



## CLASS HIGHLIGHT

### CORONAVIRUS-COVID-19



Worried about the Coronavirus that you've heard so much about in the news? Join OLLI for this special pop-up class to learn more about the virus and the current situation, including the local, national, and global concerns. You'll also learn about another pandemic that was close to home, the 1918-1919 pandemic influenza or "Spanish flu" outbreak in Bay County, and how local communities coped.

**Instructor: Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department**  
**Monday, 4/6**  
**1-3 p.m.**  
**Location: Curtiss Seminar F & G**  
**Price: Free for members □**  
**\$20 for non-members**

## TRIP HIGHLIGHT

### *The Roaring 20s*

The 1920s was the decade that marked the beginning of the modern music era with exuberant dances, upbeat feel-good music and soulful ballads. Complete with flappers, songbirds, crooners and comics, this performance at the beautiful Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario pays tribute to some of the world's greatest twenties entertainers. Enjoy lunch before the show at Olive's Casual Cuisine in Sarnia. This trip includes motor coach transportation from SVSU, lunch and ticket to the performance. **Attendees MUST have a valid passport or enhanced driver's license to attend this trip.**

**Thursday, 5/14**  
*(Available for Member Registration on April 14th)*  
**Price: \$110 for members □**  
**\$130 for non-members**



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