

# LECTURE SERIES 2020

Tuesdays 3:00-4:30 PM

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

### **LS1** SUPERTALL TOWERS + GREEN CITIES

*Adrian D. Smith, FAIA*

Adrian Smith is one of the first American architects to design supertall buildings internationally. He is a leading expert on the advanced technology of supertall towers and their impact on cities. This talk will explore projects that have effectively reduced negative environmental impacts, while simultaneously improving the overall quality of life in the city. He will feature his major international projects including Burj Khalifa in Dubai, Jeddah Tower in Saudi Arabia, and plans for a self-sustaining satellite city in China.

*Adrian D. Smith, FAIA, is an architect of international renown, having built many landmark buildings. In 2006, he founded Adrian Smith+Gordon Gill Architecture (AS+GG), a firm dedicated to the design of high-performance, energy-efficient, and sustainable architecture on an international scale. Before he started AS+GG, he was design partner in the Chicago office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill from 1980 to 2003 and consulting design partner from 2003 to 2006.*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

### **LS2** THE IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONSHIPS IN INTELLIGENCE

*John Rixse*

As in so many aspects of our lives, relationships are also crucial in the world of intelligence. They are fundamental both to the gathering of information and in the reporting of the analysis to inform the decisions of our policymakers. If the relationships in either area — the collection or reporting — are weak, or break down, we can have bad intelligence, an intelligence failure, or worse. The purpose of this talk is to understand the different kinds of intelligence relationships, why they are important, and what happens if they are strong, weak or non-existent.

*See Biographical Sketch on page 38.*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

### **LS3** A TOUR OF ISRAEL

*Linda Kreithen Richter, Ph.D.*

This presentation, with accompanying photographs, will examine Israel's layered and complicated history, highlight some of its archeological sites and discoveries, and take a look at the Israel of today with its contemporary cities, burgeoning industries, modern resorts, and developing desert. Explore Israel with Linda as she details her fascinating trip to Israel with her family. If you've been to Israel recently, come to re-live the experience and perhaps see some things you didn't see on your own trip. And if you've never been, maybe this talk and tour will convince you to go. Discover Israel — multi-dimensional, beautiful, complex, problematic and remarkable!

*Dr. Linda Kreithen Richter obtained her Ph.D. in English literature from New York University. She has been a teacher at CCNYU and an assistant dean and lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania. One of her passions is traveling and gathering new insights about people, places and their cultures.*

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# LECTURE SERIES 2020 (CONT.)

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## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

### **LS4** CANADA'S UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM —

#### **How It Happened, How It Works Today**

*Karen Capen*

Canada has provided a federal, publicly funded health care system for several decades. The legislation that formalized the current approach, the *Canada Health Act* was passed in 1984. Although it has undergone some changes over the years the basic principles remain the same: universal coverage for medically necessary health care services provided on the basis of need, rather than on the ability to pay. This lecture will trace the social, professional and political developments in Canada that led to the passage and implementation of this widely respected "health insurance" regime. It will also illustrate some of the similarities and differences between Canada's and the United States' federal and provincial/state governments and some of the social/political issues regarding the delivery of health care services. Given that universal health care is one of the hot topics of debate for the upcoming 2020 election, this is a lecture you won't want to miss. Q and A will follow the lecture.

*Karen Capen, BCL, LLB, MA, is a former legal counsel from Canada's federal Department of Justice, with law degrees in both civil and common law from McGill University, and an MA in medical ethics from Concordia University (both universities in Montreal, Quebec).*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

### **LS5** THE LATE NEIL SIMON — From Brighton Beach To Broadway

*Diane Steinbrink*

This program explores the life and career of Neil Simon, one of our most prolific American playwrights. It will discuss how his background influenced his plays and feature monologues from some of his funniest and most poignant characters from the plays *Broadway Bound*, *Lost in Yonkers*, *45 Seconds from Broadway*, and *The Dinner Party*. Q and A will follow the presentation.

*Diane Steinbrink has a BA in speech and drama from Adelphi University. She was the coordinator of Plays For Living, a socio-drama program at Family Service Philadelphia for 17 years. She has also produced theater projects, presented her one-person programs and acted in regional theater in Philadelphia, south Jersey, Florida, Harrisburg and the Berkshires. She has participated in theater talkbacks in Sarasota and Williamstown, MA.*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3

### **LS6** CELEBRATED DESIGNERS, PROMINENT PATRONS

*JoAnne Olian*

From Charles Worth in the 19th century to Karl Lagerfeld in the present, JoAnne will discuss and illustrate style and society viewed through the most influential creators and their fascinating clients, including such diverse notables as Sarah Bernhardt, Mrs. Potter Palmer, Josephine Baker, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Diana Vreeland and Lauren Bacall.

*JoAnne Olian is a graduate of the Institute of Fine Arts of New York University and was curator of the costume collection at the Museum of the City of New York for over 20 years. She has compiled 16 books on French and American fashion for Dover Publications.*

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

**LS7 FROM SUFFRAGE TO WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT —**  
***How Susan B. Anthony and Bertha Palmer Propelled***  
***Martha Matilda Harper to Launch a New Business Model***  
*Jane Plitt*

Discover the buried story of how the suffrage movement and determined Bertha Palmer combined forces to support Canadian immigrant Martha Matilda Harper and her business plan to help poor women, which became the first modern retail franchise. When Harper died in 1950 the NY Times recorded her accomplishments in a two column obituary, but now few know the story of this path-blazing servant turned global business magnate. In this 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, discover how women had bigger aims and achievements beyond the vote.

*Jane Plitt, a graduate of Cornell University, ran a thriving consulting practice and remains a visiting scholar at the University of Rochester. She spent six years criss-crossing countries to uncover Martha Matilda's forgotten story. Now Plitt's three books Martha Matilda Harper and the American Dream, Martha the Hairpreneur, and Martha's Magical Hair inspire all ages. Plitt has a track record for advocating for small business, women, and social justice having earned several awards including the local American Association of University Women (AAUW) Woman of Achievement award.*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

**LS8 WHAT MAKES US HUMAN?**  
*Norman Weinberg, Ph.D.*

For too long we have considered microorganisms as creepy, disgusting, disease causing things we must eradicate. We have become very good at killing them, the good guys and the bad. Our efforts are rewarded with a generation of new *superbugs*. Turns out our collection of microorganisms, our microbiome, is vital to our very existence. Microorganisms are what make us human! Learn how microorganisms influence our health, including our mental state; how they communicate with each other and with us; and how we can start listening to and nourish our microbiome for healthy aging.

*Dr. Norman Weinberg is a chemist who received his MA at the University of Toronto and his Ph.D. at the University of Ottawa. He was part of the team at American Cyanide that discovered the world's first lithium batteries. He and his wife owned a successful, award-winning, research and development business, working on electrochemical projects for government and industry. He is currently writing two books on microorganisms.*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

**LS9 RED TIDE AND YOU**  
*Lenny Landau*

Red tide, a toxic algal microorganism, affects everything in our lives on Longboat Key — the environment, property values, the economy, and public health. This presentation will explain what red tide is, why it occurs, and include a discussion of what needs to be done to further understand, monitor, and control red tide in the future.

*Lenny Landau is a mechanical engineering graduate of West Virginia University, who worked for General Electric Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati, Ohio, for 39 years, and consulted for 11 more years following retirement. After moving to Longboat Key he has applied his analytical skills to local issues, including town budgets, beach re-nourishment, water and sewer systems, traffic and the population cycle, and the local impact of climate change/sea rise.*

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# OLLI AT RINGLING COLLEGE SPEAKER SERIES



Stay Curious. Stay Connected.

These talks, brought to us by  
**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Ringling College,**  
 will take place at The Longboat Key Education Center.

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

### **OL1** ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE — The 4th Industrial Revolution Is Upon Us

*Alex Beavers, Ph.D.*

A vast array of new technologies from artificial intelligence, human-like robots, ubiquitous data-collecting sensors, and self-organizing systems are making it possible for the 4th generation of an Industrial Revolution to become part of the global economy. This talk will look at not only how it might happen, but also why it is important to all of us that it does.

*Dr. Beavers has a doctorate in electrical engineering and a master's degree in business administration. Alex is a veteran high-technology executive, entrepreneur, and author of 25 papers and two books. His board memberships include Ringling College, Chai Energy, and Palma Sola Consulting. His executive and entrepreneurial experience include Stanford Research Institute, Schlumberger, GE, Thompson Industries, and three high-tech ventures. He is a volunteer and instructor with OLLI at Ringling College.*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

### **OL2** FOR THE LOVE OF CHAMBER MUSIC

*Jack Winberg, MD, Ph.D.*

Chamber music is a form of classical music, for a small group, that was usually performed in a palace chamber. Written by many composers, it enjoys a unique and intimate beauty with its audience. Dr. Winberg has been playing cello in small groups for years. He will share his love of this wonderful music with a lecture, videos and cello demonstration.

*Dr. Winberg, played cello with the Minneapolis Symphony, then attended college, earning degrees in medicine and microbiology. Jack continues as an active chamber music cellist, and award-winning photographer, and an experienced instructor in both music and digital imaging. Jack has taught at OLLI at Ringling College for many years and considered to be their resident Renaissance man with his vast knowledge in a variety of subjects.*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

### **OL3** THIS WAS HER LIFE: ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

*Monroe Brett*

There have been famous and important women from ancient history up to modern times. These women have been scientists, authors, artists, performers, in charge of empires and adventurers who have changed our world. This lecture will touch on a powerful, intelligent and pioneering woman, Eleanor Roosevelt, the instructor's favorite historical woman.

*Monroe Brett has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's in secondary social studies education from George Washington University (DC). He taught U.S. History, world studies, and advanced placement economics at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Beltsville, MD., selected 'best teacher that made a difference.' He has taught many years at OLLI at Ringling College and OLLI at American University in Washington, D.C.*

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