

OLLI Instructors Town Hall

May 27, 2020

Hosted by Mike Bahnaman & Ginny Knight, IRC Chairs

Presenters:

Beth Anderson, Curriculum Committee Chair

Howard Koslow, IT Committee Chair

Chris McLeod, Director

OLLI Online Learning

- Winter Term/Spring Terms cancelled March 10
- OLLI Staff began working remotely March 13
- Hosted 4 Zoom Orientations March 27 & 30
 - Laptop, desktop, iPhone and iPad
- Launched free OLLI programming April 2

OLLI Online Learning

- Online Learning Mailing List grew from 500 to 1200 in 2 weeks!
- Began recruiting and rehearsing presenters
- Explored collaboration with Duke Alumni Affairs
- Free programming extended to May 14

OLLI Online – By the Numbers

- 565+ members participated in Zoom Orientations
- Attendance at free sessions ranged from 87 – 210
- 1800+ OLLI log-ins on Zoom in first three weeks!

Pilot Sessions

- Eleven instructors presented 19 sessions
- Broad selection of topics
art history, writing, history, politics, music,
science, social science, sports, IT security
- List of courses and links to videos are on
olliatduke.online/pilot-sessions

Summer Term – 6 weeks

1. Brand Fortner - Are We Alone in the Universe?
2. Mark Hall, Imprisoned
3. Alan Teasley – Rogers & Hammerstein Encore!
4. Ginger & Gerald Wilson – Lincoln & His America

Total enrollment 530 members (83 to 188)

What We Learned

- 90 minutes is long for an online class –75 is best
- We need to open classes 15-20 minutes in advance
- OLLI members are eager to stay connected to OLLI Instructors
- Online offerings are staff/volunteer intensive
- Larger courses need tech support AND moderator
- Zoom protocols are important
 - Mute the mikes, turn off webcams
 - Manage questions through Zoom chat (and moderator)

Explore Other Class Formats in June

- Hands-on Art
- Meditation
- Discussion courses
 - The World Today
 - Collaboration with the Nasher Museum

What's Next?

- OLLI at Duke follows Duke University's policy
- Duke cancelled all events/activities until June 28
- Duke will make the decision about when OLLI can host in-person classes. Whether or not undergrads return is irrelevant to OLLI.
- OLLI at Duke will only offer online programming through end of Fall term.