

OLLI Authors



Nelson Sartoris has spent most of his life in a world far removed from poetry. He earned his Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Northwestern University. For 37 years he was a Professor of Chemistry at Wittenberg University in Ohio. In 1997, he received the University's Distinguished Teaching Award.

Since retiring and moving to Asheville in 2005, he has taken over 100 courses at the College for Seniors at OLLI. Prompted in part by taking Mike Ross' poetry writing class in the fall of 2015, he began to write poetry – or more accurately, began to unleash themes and thoughts that had been fermenting for a lifetime. This resulted in the publication of his first poetry book, “Brain Slivers,” published in late 2016.

The poems in “Brain Slivers” are personal commentaries and observations of the world around us: nature, family, evolution, culture, religion, love, aging, and mortality.

