



# Mark Whipple, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

“I was two years old when Sputnik went into space, so my entire life has paralleled the space program.

After getting a degree in physics from Dartmouth, I immediately went into teaching high school, with time out for graduate study in the History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Maryland.

At that time I applied for, and fortunately was not accepted to, the Teacher in Space opportunity on the last Space Shuttle Challenger flight, which ended tragically in 1986.

My wife Renee and I retired from full time teaching in 2011 and moved from Maryland to Asheville, where we have been engaged with the UNCA College for Seniors ever since.

My hobbies include puzzles, duplicate bridge, and of course, baseball.”