

Howard Jaslow: Inspiration behind OLLI's STEM Lecture Series (continued)

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When Howard and his wife Barbara attended OLLI's Creative Retirement Exploration Weekend (CREW) in 1998, they fell in love with Asheville. "This beautiful city met all our criteria for retirement: university, culture, and an active Jewish community." They soon moved here from Long Island.

"At OLLI," Howard explains, "I wanted to apply my science background so I volunteered to coordinate science and technology lecture classes." For 15 years he also tirelessly provided UNC Asheville with OLLI volunteer moderators for their Undergraduate Research Conference.

In 2011, he developed the OLLI STEM Lecture Series, an interdisciplinary program across a wide range of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines. Each talk provides the speaker with the opportunity to share his/her work, present new ideas for feedback, learn new ideas that participants can use, and introduce students to exciting areas to explore. The lectures will return to the Reuter Center Wednesday, September 13, 4:30-6 pm, and are free and open to the public.

The theme for the 2017-18 STEM lecture series is *Women in STEM*. Howard stresses its goals:

- To share the many significant contributions made by women in their respective areas
- To introduce students to exciting areas to explore
- To not lose sight of the great talent that women have, which is important for our nation, especially in a climate of increasing global competition
- To help women seeking careers in STEM fields become aware of obstacles and biases they may be subject to and ways to overcome them

Lectures will feature women in areas including chemistry, astronomy, computer science, medicine, mathematics, physics, nursing, biology, and forestry.

Interested in volunteering as a STEM speaker? Contact Howard Jaslow at:
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