

# the Adventurer



Continuing this *Adventure called Life!*

## Monthly Highlights

■ Join SVSU for the 12th Annual Student Art Show. This exhibition will feature works from current SVSU Department of Art students, majors and minors. A variety of mediums will be showcased including but not limited to Photography, Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Ceramics, Printmaking, Graphic Design and more. Beginning Monday May 15 in Arbury.

■ Join the Saginaw Area Concert Band for a FREE concert to benefit the Underground Railroad and Power of Dad, May 22 @7pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Brockway in Saginaw. Donations appreciated.

■ Remember to RSVP for monthly meetings online and tell your friends!

■ See page two for the upcoming OLLI Collegium concert on Sunday April 23!

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## May Monthly Meeting

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RSVP ONLINE!

8:45 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Welcome & Announcements

## The Storyteller's Tao

*Presented by Deng Ming Dao*



Taoism is China's great contribution to world philosophy. Many of these concepts are expressed in pithy stories. The short texts range from allegories to essays, and they cover topics from the origin of the world to how to live with effortless action. In this keynote presentation, internationally known author Deng Ming-Dao will present a selection of these memorable stories, explain the deep cultural and philosophical meanings behind them, and connect them to contemporary American life.

**We want to serve you better! Please RSVP to monthly meetings through our website [www.svsu.edu/olli](http://www.svsu.edu/olli) under the Monthly Meetings tab! This will help assure that we have enough seating and food for everyone!**

## Upcoming Events & Monthly Meetings

Wednesday, June 14

Monthly Meeting, *New Hope Valley*  
by retirement community staff  
Curtiss Hall - Banquet Rooms

Wednesday, August 9

Monthly Meeting, *History of the MI State Police*  
by Trooper William Smith  
Curtiss Hall - Banquet Rooms

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Monthly Meeting, *Have I got a Story to Tell You*  
By Dave Kampfshulte  
Curtiss Hall - Banquet Rooms

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Hello OLLI friends,

New book cases are a cause for celebration when all those books that languished in a dark basement for so many moves can finally see the light of day. And now I can simply pick a book from the shelf.



It was in that way that A Death in the Family resurfaced. As the book cover description says, James Agee was essentially a poet. Here is the six year old child, lying in bed: "He heard the summer night. All the air vibrated like a fading bell with the latest exhausted screaming of locusts. Couplings clashed and conjoined; a switch engine breathed heavily."

Agee draws the dialogue sparingly and with simple realism, and the relationships among the family members are acutely perceived.

But it is for the interior thoughts of the characters that this book is unforgettable. From the youngest child, three year old Catherine, to the old mother and father, each person is fully realized and unique. There is a long soliloquy of the alcoholic brother as he becomes steadily more drunk. Wife and aunt are sometimes awkward, sometimes grateful for each other's presence, as they wait for news that they fear will be bad. Who leans on religion, who rejects it, and who has divided thoughts, are each drawn with sensitivity and without sentimentality.

It's well worth returning to this book, as well as to Let Us Now Praise Famous Men. But read this one first.

Leslie Sanders, OLLI Advisory Board Chair

## OLLI Music Collegium Concert

Taking place in Founder's Hall on Sunday April 23, 2017 at 4:00pm, the Collegium members play a variety of Renaissance instruments and some modern ones including the recorder, gamba, lute, cornamuse, guitar, violin, cello, viola, and mandolin.

The group will play in all combinations music of the Renaissance and Early Baroque period including beautiful folk music of the British Isles, dance suites, and

party music from France, Germany, Italy and Spain that people would play for self-entertainment in their own homes.



**Where: Founder's Hall on the campus of SVSU**

**When: Sunday April 23, 2017**

**Time: 4:00pm**

**Cost: FREE for everyone!**

# Ever Tried Listening to Podcasts?

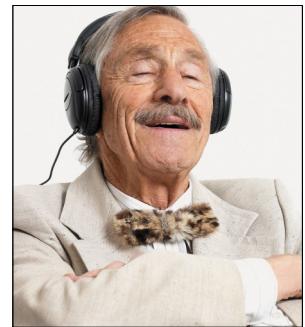
Once upon a time one could tune into the adventures of the Lone Ranger, his trusty steed Silver, and his sidekick Tonto, to live vicariously through the characters on the radio, if only for a few minutes. If westerns didn't suit one's fancy, there were always mystery shows like The Shadow, whose hero avenged evil through his mysterious powers to cloud men's minds and be ever present to expose the worst deeds. Today, most classic radio shows have given way to morning talk shows, NPR short stories, or televised dramas.

However, a series of podcasts—a modern version of the classic radio drama are now available for listening on mobile devices and computers at the user's whim. A few that might appeal to the OLLI generations are:

**Hardcore History**—Featuring narration by Dan Carlin. This is a gritty podcast featuring history's unknowns, which will make the past come alive in your ears like never before! (<http://www.dancarlin.com>)

**You Must Remember This**—All about Hollywood's first century. Learn about the interesting history of Hollywood greats in short, witty, and interesting increments. (<http://www.youmustrememberthispodcast.com/archive/>)

**Criminal**—Perfect for those drives in to OLLI classes at just 20 to 25 minutes in length, *Criminal* tells listeners the details of succinct, yet fascinating crimes. (<http://thisiscriminal.com>)



## OLLI Fast Stats

- ◆ SVSU's OLLI has over 70 classes for the spring/summer session.
- ◆ There are 12 day trips this spring/summer.
- ◆ There are 5 classes dedicated to grandparents and their grandchildren.

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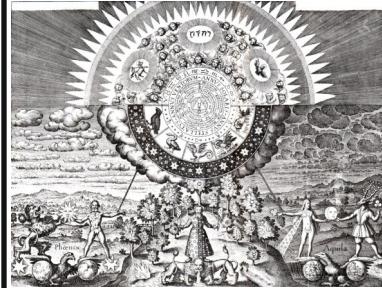
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## Interest Group Feature: Esoteric Cosmology!



Esoteric Cosmology expands on the emerging field of academic study: Western Esotericism. Scholars in the field continue to discuss and refine a definition which currently ranges from "rejected knowledge" to "knowledge not for the masses" through "a way of thinking" or "a religious way of thinking". Most agree that esotericism is a trans-disciplinary field not fitting clearly within any particular discipline.

The list of topics are those that current scholars in the field consider "rejected" by wider society or the contemporary academy...looking for hidden value and correspondences in what the exoteric realm had thrown to the side of the road, dismissed, or even ridiculed....topics have included, post-materialist science, ceremonial magic, aspects of psychology/human development, unusual or not widely accepted sources of knowledge; channeling, ancient history, legends, ETs, exopolitics, sacred geometry, etc. For more information see contact at left.

## Director's Corner: Katherine Ellison

Have you stopped by the OLLI office lately? If not, make sure you stop into Curtiss 111 and check out the new television monitor in the lobby. We repurposed a TV from the back room of OLLI to give it a new life as a display for upcoming events, the list of new OLLI members, full trips and classes! Now all our members can get this information with ease, just by stopping in for a second or two.

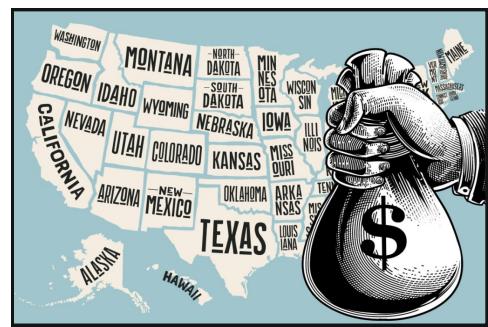
In other news, we're trying out a new RSVP system for monthly meetings. With our membership expanding, planning while maintaining fiscal conservatism is becoming harder and harder. You can RSVP online at [www.svsu.edu/olli](http://www.svsu.edu/olli) under Monthly Meetings, just like you'd sign up for any OLLI class or trip. *What happens if you forget to do this before the meeting?* Don't worry you can still attend, of course! Meetings are still open to OLLI members, but we ask that you try to remember next time to assure enough food, beverages, and seating in the future.



## Class Highlight: Understanding the Safety Net

Remember the New Deal and the War on Poverty? Where are we now in our efforts to help low income people in the U.S. and Michigan? Join this class to learn some basics about current, needs-based safety net programs for low income individuals and families. The class will cover Medicaid, "food stamps", and cash assistance "welfare" programs. Information we will consider includes: Who makes the rules? Who receives help and who doesn't? What are the costs and benefits of the programs? Other issues likely to be covered include: intended and unintended consequences of eligibility requirements; "waste, fraud and abuse"; proposed or enacted changes under the Trump Administration. Class will be led by OLLI member Jackie Doig.

**Thursdays May 4,  
11, 18, 25  
10am-Noon  
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