INSTRUCTORS

Jane Adas (11) has a doctorate in musicology and taught music history at Rutgers-Newark and at OLLI-RU.

Allen Ascher (24) has a doctorate in English from CUNY Graduate Center. He taught English in middle and high school, and was an adjunct professor of English at Brookdale Community College.

Lawrence Bartolf (24), a former history teacher of more than 30 years, he has participated over the years in numerous seminars in the study of alternate history at Kean University and the University of Southern California among others.

Lynette Birkins (26) earned a master’s degree and professional diploma from Teachers College, Columbia University. She enjoyed 36 years as a teacher and district coordinator in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools.

Barbara Bogner (22, 25) is a retired associate professor of biology who taught human anatomy and physiology full time at Middlesex County College for 24 years. She has degrees from SUNY Stony Brook and Villanova University.

Anne Bosch (12) an OLLI-RU instructor for several years, she is retired from Rutgers Preparatory School in Somerset. She also taught in New York City public schools, in Westchester, New York, and adult education classes in East Brunswick and Somerset.

Vincent Bruno (18, 19, 21, 24) is a recently retired director of first year programs at LaGuardia Community College (CUNY). He holds a masters of public administration from Baruch College and has taught courses in numerous disciplines. For the past 17 years he has lectured extensively on the Beatles and the Sixties.

Terence Butler (15), a retired mathematics professor at Rutgers University, he began a major interest in playing folk music on the 5-string banjo, guitar, and mandolin after hearing Pete Seeger playing the 5-string banjo on a record in 1965.

Peter Cancro (5, 10, 12, 25) is a retired English teacher with a passion for opera and the visual arts.

Jeff Cohen (11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20) is a painter and sculptor who received a bachelor of arts in fine arts from Upsala College in East Orange, and did graduate work at New York University. He is a commissioner at the Barron Art Center in Woodbridge, N.J.

Sally Bauer Cohen (14, 25, 26) loves teaching at OLLI-RU and is a former New York City high school librarian and English teacher who has taught film classes for many years. She holds master’s degrees in media studies and library science.

Keki Dadachanji (13) has a doctorate in operations research from Case Western Reserve University. He was a part-time lecturer at Rutgers University and a teacher of mathematics and computer science at Parsippany High School. Dr. Dadachanji is a certified Yoga teacher, and has taught Yoga Sutras of Patanjali and the Bhagavad Gita.

Kimberly Ducote-Schimmel (15, 18) has been a successful commercial photographer for over 25 years and has taught photography for more than 10 years. She holds a bachelor’s degree in studio art and photography from SUNY Stony Brook.

John Ench (21) is a jazz collector and has worked at WBGO 88.3, the jazz station in Newark. He has more than 10,000 songs in his iPod to call upon to illustrate a point.

Marcia Feldheim (14) is a graduate from Rutgers University-Douglass College with a bachelor of arts in political science. She has taught various classes at OLLI-RU for many years.

William Fireman (16, 26) is a retired attorney with a lifelong passion for musical theater.

Margareta Greeley-Porter (19) is an adjunct professor at Rutgers University Graduate School of Education. With a doctorate in education from Rutgers, she has additionally done graduate work at Mason Gross School of the Arts. She is also a painter and sculptor whose works are displayed locally and internationally.

Robert Greenfield (23, 26) is a professor emeritus of economics from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a recipient of numerous awards for teaching excellence.

Barbara Griffin (22) is a retired educator who taught both Latin and history on the secondary and college level. She holds degrees from the College of St. Elizabeth, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Rutgers University.

Ed Heck and Gerrie Misiewicz (19) are husband and wife. Both taught at a local high school. Ed taught English and earned a doctorate in English literature from New York Univeristy. Gerrie taught mathematics and computer programming and has a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and a master’s in computer science. They have both have taught at OLLI-RU.

Irwin Horowitz (9, 10) is a Rutgers graduate who retired from the infrastructure technology field in 2010. He is currently volunteering for the AARP Driver Safety program, as well as the Red Cross.

Velya and Ehris Jancz-Urban (9, 10) Velya is a zany teacher, public speaker, former Brazilian dairy farm owner, and expert on New England’s colonial women. Ehris Urban is an herbalist, holistic nutritionist, flower essence practitioner, reiki master, and reflexologist. Velya’s gregarious personality and Ehris’...
grounded energy enable this mother/daughter team to connect with audiences.

Sharon Keyes (9, 17) is a retired product developer in the fashion accessories industry who has had a lifelong passion for crafting.

Noreen King (11) is an information and technology professional with 30+ years of developing /enhancing /supporting mainframe legacy and client base applications. She holds a bachelor of science in computer science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Diane Lang (12) holds a master’s degree and is a therapist and life coach. She is an adjunct professor at Montclair State University and the author of Creating Balance and Finding Happiness.

Jason Love (9) earned degrees from West Chester University and Rowan University. He enjoys learning about history.

Kevin Lynch (9, 10) is a college and retirement planning specialist and owner of Westminster Wealth Management. Kevin volunteers his time to the Society for Financial Awareness, whose mission is to combat financial illiteracy through educational programs.

Edward Malberg (15) is an adjunct professor at Raritan Valley Community College. He graduated from Rutgers University, holds a master’s degree from the University of Kentucky, and has completed doctoral studies at Northwestern University in American history.

Maurice Mahler (21) artist and historian, lectures throughout New Jersey and New York. He is a commissioner of the Cultural Arts Commission of Monroe Township, and teaches art history and life drawing for Adult Education at Monroe High School. He has also taught at Brookdale Community College and the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

Lauren Marcus (12, 25) is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) with a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Rutgers University and a master of social work degree from Adelphi University. Lauren is a trained facilitator in the evidence-based Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP) and master trainer in the Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP).

John Marron (19), a graduate of Johns Hopkins writing seminars, he is a prize-winning Zen artist, and a creative writing teacher for 35 years as well as an award-winning slam poet and storytelling performer.

Henry McNally (22) is a semi-retired educator who has taught Irish history both at the college level and in continuing education programs. He has degrees from Fordham University, William Paterson University, and University College in Galway, Ireland.

Henry Morse (16) is an amateur historian with special interests in music, science fiction, and radio. He is a former adjunct professor at Middlesex Community College, and he lectures at libraries and senior centers throughout New Jersey. Mr. Morse has been published by the IEEE and in the Radio Times magazine.

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