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As co-sponsor with the University Club, OLLI at UC Irvine is pleased to announce the program for the Winter Forum, 2014. The Forum convenes for a Wednesday lunch and presentation in the McCulloch Library at the University Club, 801 East Peltason Drive on the UCI campus. Everyone is welcome. The buffet lunch begins at 11:15 AM and is \$13.50 for UClub and OLLI members and \$15.50 for non-members, including tax and gratuity. Reservations are suggested. Please call 949-824-7960, or e-mail uclubres@uci.edu. For an updated schedule, please visit our blog at www.oliuci.wordpress.com and click on the University Club Forum link.

JANUARY

January 15: Peter C. Theisinger, former Mars Science Laboratory Project Manager at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "*Curiosity, the Latest Mars Rover.*" He will discuss the development of this Rover mission -- one of the most demanding engineering jobs on Earth -- and the discoveries it made on the Martian surface.

January 22: Jean Stern, Executive Director, The Irvine Museum. "*Painting en Plein Air.*" *Plein air* is the French art term for the practice of painting directly out-of-doors. Mr. Stern will trace the evolution of this practice, which began in the mid-1800s, was influenced by the 1841 invention of the collapsible metal paint tube, and became popular in Europe in the 1860s-1870s and the 1900s in America.

January 29: Andre van der Hoek, Ph.D., Informatics Department Chair, UCI. "*Informatics: Why It Matters.*" Informatics is rooted in social and computer sciences and touches on psychology, anthropology, marketing, customer service, design, and innovation. Learn how it is impacting our futures.

FEBRUARY

February 5: Jan Brueckner, Professor of Economics, UCI. "*Airlines: New Developments in the Industry.*" The airline industry lately has experienced a great many changes: mergers, product unbundling (such as bag fees), plus a new focus on flight delays. Learn more about the reasons and implications.

FEBRUARY (continued)

February 12: James Fallon, Professor Emeritus of Anatomy & Neurobiology and Psychiatry & Human Behavior, UCI. "*Imagine Finding Out --at Age 65 -- Who You Really Are.*" Dr. Fallon studies the genetic makeup of murderers. Ironically, a PET scan and genetic analysis he underwent revealed the biological makeup of an aggressive, non-empathetic person -- a psychopath. How germane is our knowledge of genetics, epigenetics and brain function to our beliefs about violence?

February 19: Michael Rose, Professor of Evolutionary Biology, UCI. "*How to Stop Aging.*" After almost 40 years of research on the biology of aging, Dr. Rose finally has some useful advice on how to control your aging.

February 26: Sarah Pressman, Assistant Professor of Psychology & Social Behavior, UCI. "*Can Happiness Lead to Better Physical Health?*"

MARCH

March 5: Peter Ditto, Professor of Psychology & Social Behavior, UCI. "*Are Liberals and Conservatives Polar Opposites or Mirror Images?*" One of the things conservatives and liberals agree on is that their political opponents are misguided, intellectually challenged, and blinded by partisan bias. Dr. Ditto will discuss how these perceptions arise.

March 12: Scott Haldeman, M.D., Ph.D., D.C., Clinical Professor in Neurology, UCI. "*Relief for Your Aching Back.*" Learn about recent research and progress in dealing with lower back pain and spine care in general.

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