“Patience is necessary, and one cannot reap immediately where one has sown.”
— SØREN KIERKEGAARD

Osher LIFE Lecture Series Speaker Schedule
All lectures held at the UCR Extension Center, 1200 University Avenue, Riverside

APRIL

In News, What’s Real, What’s Fake, and What’s Worse
April 11 | Tuesday 1:30-3 p.m.
The journalist’s struggle to rejoinder with real news.
Mel Opotowsky, journalist for over 60 years, retired managing editor at The Press-Enterprise

Health and Environmental Safety of GMOs: Facts and Fallacies
April 18 | Tuesday 1:30-3 p.m.
What are GMOs and how does modern society use them?
Alan McHughen, Ph.D., Biotechnologist and Geneticist, UCR

The UCR Botanic Gardens: Doing Our Part to Protect the Planet
April 25 | Tuesday 1:30-3 p.m.
Why we should experience, value, cultivate, and protect nature.
Jodie S. Holt, Interim Director, UCR Botanic Gardens, Professor Emeritus, Botany and Plant Sciences Department

MAY

Probing the Extremes: The Superhero Science of Soft and Hard Materials
May 2 | Tuesday 1:30-3 p.m.
Explore the “extremes” of materials science and their real-life analogues.
Suveen Mathadhu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering, UCR

Riverside’s Landmark Legacy and the Stories Behind Them
May 9 | Tuesday 1:30-3 p.m.
The Landmark program and its legacy.
Erin L. Gettis, City Historic Preservation Officer and Principal Planner, City of Riverside

The Search for the Pan-Arctic Bumble Bee
May 16 | Tuesday 1:30-3 p.m.
Using molecular research to advance understanding of bumble bees and native bees.
Holli Woodard, Ph.D., Assistant Professor Entomology, UCR

The Mystery of Russian Icons
May 23 | Tuesday 1:30-3 p.m.
Their origins and role in Russian culture and history.
Elena Romine, Ph.D., is an educator and author

Cuba Pre- and Post-Fidel Castro
May 30 | Tuesday 1:30-3 p.m.
Normalizing Cuban-American relations.
Robert Garafalo, Ph.D., taught at several colleges in the US, Europe, and South America

Adventures of the Mind
Topic: Democracy in Crisis?
May 2, 2017 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Featuring two academics from different disciplines offering distinct perspectives on one topic. See page 15.