

# Osher LIFE Lecture Series Speaker Schedule

All lectures held at the UCR Extension Center, 1200 University Avenue, Riverside



2017

Join us Tuesdays

Apr. 11–May 30

1:30–3 p.m.

## 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 rejoiner with real news.

**Mel Opatowsky**, 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

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

— SØREN KIERKEGAARD

### 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.

**Hollis 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

#### FREE LECTURE

### 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.