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Welcome to the FALL 2026 Semester of OLLI.

Thank you for registering for the ***Memoir Writing: You Have a Story to Tell*** class. As you know, our class will meet on **Tuesdays** for ten (10) sessions, from September 15 through November 17th. We will meet in the **Palo Verde Room from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

I am available to answer questions about the class, now through September 11th. Please feel free to send me an email in advance if you need clarification on any issue or challenge.

Much of our time during the first class will be devoted to ensuring an understanding of my approach to memoir writing and how the class will flow from week to week. It is very likely that we will have time for a few of you to share your first memoir with the group on Day One. With that in mind, I ask you to please begin developing an essay to share with the class when we meet on September 15th.

Please reference the guidelines for writing and submitting your work (attached doc) PRIOR to our first meeting. Reading order is determined by the date/time I receive your submission. Each week, I will forward an email containing a link to the submissions along with the reading order list. You will receive that weekly email from me by 5PM Friday evening.

I'm excited about the opportunity to work with you. As in previous classes, we'll focus on your story and how you choose to share it. The feedback you receive is intended to serve as a guide to help you improve what you share and how you are share it. We all have a story to tell and I look forward to creating a supportive space where you feel comfortable sharing yours.

The attached document summarizes the details of the class format, protocols, and what will happen each week. We'll review these details - and your questions - on September 15th.

Thank you for your interest. It is an honor to share this time with you.

Michael Marshall