

## Course Proposal – OLLI Fall 2022

### Helen Keller and Teacher

Most people know about Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan from the play and the movie “The Miracle Worker”. However, these two women led challenging and remarkable lives that started before and continued long after the story you know. Integrating the history of late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, this class will explore Helen’s and Annie’s lives and their contributions that still impact our world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### Content

Class 1 – Introduction to Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan

Class 2 – Annie Sullivan, her early life story

Class 3 – Education of the blind and deaf in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century

Class 4 – Helen’s early life, her illness and the search for a teacher

Class 5 – Annie meets Helen, the struggle to communicate

Class 6 – Helen’s formal education, lectures and writings

Class 7 – Helen as an activist

Class 8 – Helen as a disability’s rights advocate

Class 9 – Helen in film

Class 10 – Helen in film

Class 11 – Helen’s enduring legacy