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March 17 | Olive Garden
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Robert Wingate, Ph.D.

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March 11; 10 a.m.-noon
340 Carwright Center, UWL
No cost for LIR members, $5 for non-members

**Registration Form Spring 2016**

Name __________________________
Address __________________________
City __________ State __________ Zip __________
Phone (__________)____________________
Email Address __________________________

Form of Payment (circle one):
• Visa Mastercard American Express
• Check (made payable to UW-L)

Credit card #: __________ / __________
Exp. Date: __________ / __________

Cardholder’s signature __________________________

Print name of cardholder __________________________

Return this form and method of payment:
By Mail: UW-La Crosse, Continuing Education
1725 State Street, 205 Morris Hall
La Crosse, WI 54601
By Fax: 608.785.6547
By Phone: 608.785.6500; toll-free 1.866.895.9233

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