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Fall 2017 Registration

Registration is open online now for the fall semester. **The catalogs will be mailed this week.**

Remember! Class assignments are done by lottery, not first-come, first-served. So whether you register online or on paper, today or the day before the lottery, you have an equal chance of being assigned to the classes you request.

To be included in the Lottery, your registration must be in the office by close of business, Tuesday, September 5.

Frederick Douglass

New Beginnings



July Fun

Our first July Fun program offered activities (films, Origami, Scrabble, needle arts, etc.) as varied as attendance (ranging from a few to as many as 50 members). Our year-round lease

allowed us to put our space to good use. July's lineup of less traditional programs — with the Bastille Day celebration a particular highlight — offered relaxing, enriching experiences. Many thanks to Bob Kolodney for coordinating.

Fall Semester

Fall study groups are now online, online registration is open, and catalogs will be mailed next week. Tuition is now \$300 per semester or \$550 for both the fall and spring semesters. The raise in fees is needed to meet increased operating costs. The fall semester starts September 25. OLLI member volunteers and staff have been hard at work. The Curriculum Committee has selected 94 study groups for us to choose from. Shortly after the September 6 lottery, class schedules will be emailed to each member. If you don't receive one by September 12, please call the office.

Appointments & Committees

This summer we welcomed two appointments not previously announced. The new Personnel Committee Chair is Alan Hausman, an eminently experienced attorney in human resources and other corporate-related legal matters, as well as an OLLI member and SGL. Longtime staffer Mary Fran Miklitsch is now Communications Director. She is well known for her many talents.

House Tour



There are still places available on the tour of the Frederick Douglass House in Southeast DC. Read more and register online at <https://olli-dc.org/events/frederick-douglass>.

June 1 marked the start of each Committee Chair's one-year term. Committee activities have been in full swing. The Development Committee is preparing its forthcoming fundraising Campaign 2020 to maintain affordable tuition and to address needed program and space enhancements. The Facilities Committee with staff have begun coordinating with AU to attend to ongoing space needs. The Strategic Planning Committee is beginning to develop plans to achieve OLLI's short- and long-term goals, and will be soliciting member input in the coming months. The Membership Committee is exploring ways to enhance membership and diversity. The Lecture Committee is arranging another series of compelling speakers. The Board is seeking additional information on proposals to improve audio quality in classrooms.

American University President & OLLI-AU

Fall 2017 also marks another beginning as OLLI welcomes AU's new president, [Sylvia Mathews Burwell](#). Our future is evermore closely entwined with AU. AU administers the Osher endowment on behalf of OLLI. OLLI members are the beneficiaries of AU lecturers. And all of OLLI is a tenant of AU. Soon, we will be calling on you to let us know of *your* AU connections so that we might further enhance our OLLI-AU relationship.

We begin August with high hopes.

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Chair

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