



OLLI NEWS — April 15, 2022

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A Message From OLLI's Executive Director

I want to thank all who attended last Friday's Annual Meeting, either in-person or online. We received feedback from some who participated online of audio-visual technical difficulties that we were unaware of during the meeting. I want to apologize to those who took the time to attend but had difficulty hearing the scheduled speakers.

For anyone who missed the meeting or had difficulty with the presentation, I am including a link to the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

John Barger, Board Chair, opened the meeting and spoke about how far OLLI has come as we start our 40th anniversary year—from 11 classes and 80 members to approximately 250 classes a year and over 1500 members so far this year.

I want to thank David Flaxman, Chair of the Nominating and Elections Committee, and his committee (Myra Barron, Dave Hensler, Diana Jamieson, and Marc Lackritz) for the important work they did to bring us the great slate of candidates. And I want to especially thank the candidates who participated either in-person, online, or through written statement. The candidates for this year's election are John Aldock, Penny Hansen, Linda Miller, and Mark Nadel. Please keep in mind that voting is still open for any members for this academic year—you were sent an email with a link unique to you so that you can go online to vote for the slate of candidates for next year's board. Voting is open until next Friday, April 22.

I gave updates on many of our accomplishments over this year and provided the scope of our program this year. All of this is in the linked presentation.

Jo Anne Friedenthal, OLLI Treasurer and Board Member, spoke about the state of OLLI's finances. Her presentation is included in the slides.

I hope this gives you some sense of all the great things that are happening at OLLI at American University. I wish you a great rest of the semester.

Thank you,

Tony Long

Executive Director

Board of Directors Election

OLLI members may vote for the candidates below for the Board of Directors. An email has been sent to each member with login and password information for you to vote online. All individuals who have taken a class since July 1, 2021 through now are eligible to vote. *Voting ends at 4:00 PM on Friday, April 22.*

Election results will be announced on April 25. If you did not receive an email, please email

olli@american.edu.

After inviting recommendations from the OLLI membership, this year's Nominating Committee (David Flaxman, Chair; Myra Barron; David Hensler; Diana Jamieson; and Marc Lackritz), has developed a list of four candidates to fill the four positions on the Board of Directors becoming vacant in June 2022. The Committee believes these candidates have amply demonstrated the skills, experience, background, and energy needed for OLLI at AU

leadership. The list, which the Board has approved, is on this year's ballot. Please note that an asterisk by a candidate's name indicates they're a current Board member. The Board-approved candidates are:



JOHN ALDOCK*

John joined OLLI five years ago after retiring as General Counsel of Goodwin Proctor LLP, an international law firm. He has served on the OLLI Finance Committee and assisted the Board Chair and Executive Director in negotiations with AU over space in our new building and the OLLI endowment. He previously served as Assistant US Attorney for DC, Chair of the Shea and Gardner law firm, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Rules of the US District Court for DC and for many years as a member of the Board of the Legal Clinic for the Homeless.



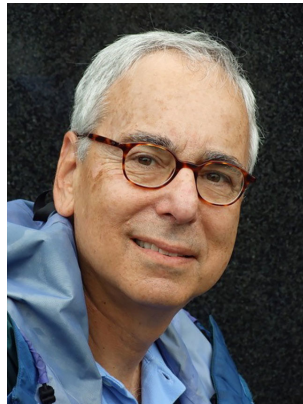
PENELOPE HANSEN*

Penelope Hansen directed numerous programs at the Environmental Protection Agency during its first 30 years and played a major role in implementing the country's first recycling, hazardous waste, Superfund, acid rain, and environmental technology verification programs. She was educated at Skidmore College, Johns Hopkins University, and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Penny, who joined OLLI in 2010, has devoted much of her retirement to studying the Supreme Court and has given classes on this and other subjects over the last eight years.



LINDA MILLER

Trained professionally as a hospital administrator, Linda's 35-year career in health care focused on nonprofit hospitals and their special relationship to the community—for which she was elected to membership in the National Academy of Medicine in 1997. She has authored multiple articles and op-ed pieces in the *NY Times*, *Washington Post*, *New England Journal of Medicine* and *USA Today*, among others. Linda attended Cornell University (BA '66), Columbia School of Physicians and Surgeons (OTR and MS), and GWU (post-masters); and has lived in the DC area since the early seventies, raising twin daughters. She is an enthusiastic supporter of OLLI—having chaired the Board (2012-2013), and having served as a study group leader teaching health reform.



MARK NADEL*

Mark joined OLLI in 2012 and since then has taught several different courses on public policy, and was a member of the Curriculum Committee. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors and is Chair of the Lecture Committee. Previously, he taught political science at Cornell before joining the Government Accountability Office, where he directed reports on health policy and social welfare. He ended his federal career as an Associate Commissioner of Social Security. Since retiring, he has taught public policy at Georgetown and was a senior fellow at Georgetown's Government Affairs Institute. He has degrees from the University of California (BA) and Johns Hopkins (PhD).

Today's Lecture

**Charlene Barshefsky, *US–China Relations*****April 15****1:30 PM**[Zoom Link](#)

Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky is Chair of Parkside Global Advisors in Washington DC, having previously served as Senior International Partner at WilmerHale where she chaired the firm's International Trade, Investment and Market Access Group. She advises multinational companies on their global market access, investment, and negotiation strategies.

Prior to joining WilmerHale she served as the US Trade Representative from 1997 to 2001 and Acting and Deputy USTR from 1993 to 1996. As the USTR and a member of the President's Cabinet, Ambassador Barshefsky was responsible for the formulation of US trade policy and the negotiation of hundreds of complex trade and investment agreements that significantly opened markets, removed regulatory barriers, and cemented protections for US investment from Europe to Asia, Africa to Latin America, and the Middle East.

Ambassador Barshefsky is best known globally as the architect and negotiator of China's WTO agreement, which opened China's economy as a worldwide market. This historic agreement has helped to reshape the global economic landscape.

Next Friday's Lecture

**Alexa Chopivsky, *Ukraine: A Multigenerational Story of State-Building Through the Eyes of One Family***

April 22**1:30 PM**

Alexa Chopivsky is Director, Program on the World Economy, The Aspen Institute. She serves as Executive Director of Ukraine House Davos and deputy Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board, Ukraine Invest. She previously served as Adviser to the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine.

For over seven years, she was a journalist with NBC News where she covered world events from the New York, Washington, and London bureaus. After a period as Associate Director at an international communication consultancy in London, she moved to Kyiv. There she worked as a consultant and as a freelance journalist. She is Founder, Transnational Education Group, and served as Executive Director, American Center for a European Ukraine.

She is a Member of the Board of Teach for Ukraine, the Ukrainian-Swiss Business Association, and Women Forward International. In 2021, the President of Ukraine awarded her the Order of Princess Olga.

Chopivsky received a BA from Yale University in Political Science and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, an MS from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and an MIPP from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

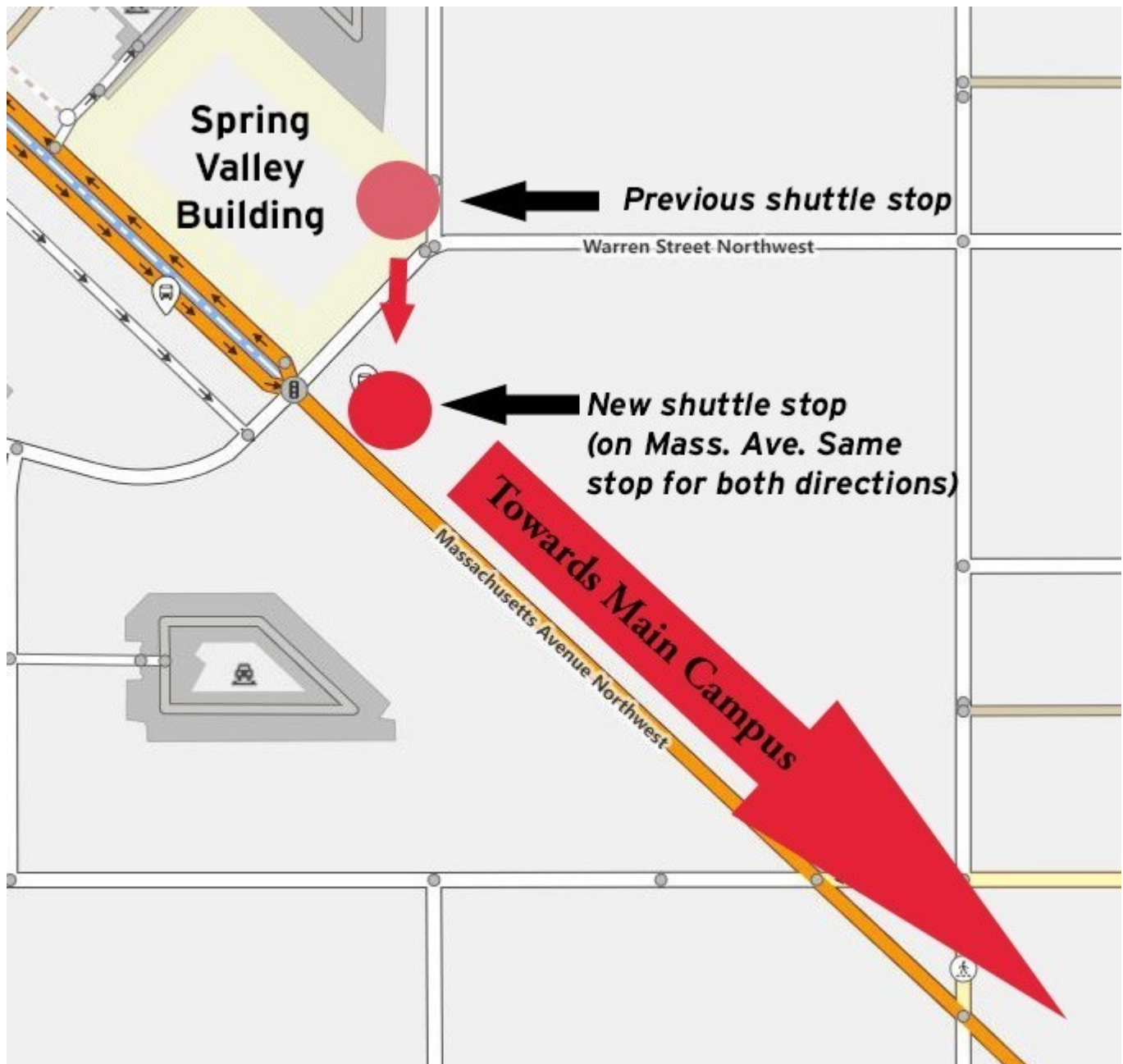
Reservations are not required to attend lectures while they are held online. We will include the Zoom link in the 10:00 AM newsletter the day of each lecture.

Spring Valley Building Shuttle Bus Stop Moves Location

Beginning April 4, the Spring Valley Building (SVB) shuttle bus stop will move from its current location (48th St. side of SVB) to the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and 48th St. The shuttle will share the stop with Metro buses.

The Red Express and Green routes will drop off and pick up at the new stop and head back to Tenleytown Metro. An AU shuttle bus-stop sign will be installed under the existing Metro bus sign.

TransLoc also will change the route map and the stop location for the mobile app and desktop version.



Spring Member Directory Available

Hard copies of the member directory are now available for members to pick up from the table outside the OLLI office. Electronic copies can be downloaded from the [OLLI website](#) under "Membership" and the "For Members Only" page. You must be logged in to access this page.

Zoom Tips

Zoom has released some updates that are important for **Chromebook users** and for those who would like to change their **view** in-meeting:

- If you use a Chromebook (the device, not the Chrome browser), Zoom will no longer work. You need to download the **Progressive Web Application** from the Google Play Store (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=us.zoom.pwa.twa>).
- **Hide your self-view.** Zoom meetings automatically begin in Speaker View. Hover over the video of yourself. Click the ellipses to reveal the menu. Choose **Hide Self View**. To restore your self-view, click the **View** button in the upper right screen, then click **Show Self View**.

Upcoming Smithsonian Events

DC Emancipation Day: Enslavement Historical Walk

April 16

1:00–3:00 PM

Smithsonian Castle

We invite you to join us for in-person memorial walk (not a Zoom livestream) around the central district of historic Washington, DC covering the history of enslavement in the nation's capital. The presentation will include historic notes to the region, buildings, and persons, and an overview of the Washington, DC's Emancipation Act of April 16, 1862, the "long emancipation," which compensated DC slaver-owners. This act preceded Lincoln's emergency war measure, the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863. Neither act compensated the freed enslaved person. Meet in front of the Smithsonian Castle (1000 Jefferson Drive SW) on Independence Avenue. The tour will be hosted by OLLI Study Group Leader, Ed Ingebretsen. [Register](#).

National Gallery of Art: Sponsor Enslaved Washington Procession

May 14

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Join us in an outdoor procession to four historical sites of enslavement on or near the National Gallery campus. Professor and OLLI Study Group Leader, Ed Ingebretsen, talks about the city's relationship to slavery as we move from 3rd to 7th Streets NW. The four stops include the Capitol to discuss enslavement and the law; the former locations of Center Market, Gadsby's Tavern, and the notorious slaver hotel, the St. Charles, to learn what DC residents knew of slavery at the time; the sites on the National Mall of slave pens run by Birch, Gadsby, Neal, Robey, and Williams; and Lafayette Park to examine the participation of presidents in enslavement. [Registration opens May 7](#).

American University News & Events

AU College of Arts & Sciences

Spring Music Performances

\$10 (\$5, AU Community and seniors)

Performances from American University's Department of Performing Arts and Music Program from its Symphonic Band, Chorus, Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Workshop, and Symphonic Orchestra. [Purchase Tickets.](#)

AU Center for Israel Studies

Join the Conversation with Israeli author Maya Arad

April 18

1:00 PM

Online

Join American University's Center for Israel Studies, Department of Literature and Jewish Studies Program for a discussion with author Maya Arad. On the face of it, Arad's novella, *The Hebrew Teacher*, is a laser-sharp take down of academic politics and on-campus trends, entwined with the politics of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But her story covers much deeper, broader issues as well – the role of languages, like Hebrew, that “live in translation” in diaspora, and the personal aspirations and disappointments of her sensitively drawn characters. [Register.](#)

AU Arts

Home of AU's performing, visual, literary, and media-based arts. [View the schedule and registration links.](#)

AU Museum

Spring Schedule

January 29–May 22

Friday–Sunday, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

Reservations are not required for your visit. Admission is always free. Regarding groups and any questions about your visit, email museum@american.edu. Access the museum [online](#).

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