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OLLI NEWS — November 11, 2022

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OLLI is Open Today

Please note that OLLI is open today, Veteran's Day, and that classes will run as scheduled.

OLLI is Closed for Thanksgiving

The OLLI Office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 23, through Friday, November 25. No classes will be held during that time.

Calling All February & Spring Proposals



February Shorts: Feb. 6-10 Classes meet 2-5 times during the one week Proposal form

Spring Semester: Feb. 27-May 5 Classes meet once a week for 7-10 weeks Proposal form

Proposal deadline for both: November 27

We welcome proposals from both new and previous study group leaders and have been delighted to see some proposals coming in from OLLI members interested in teaching! For more information about being an SGL at OLLI, please visit the **Become an Instructor** page on the website. If you or someone you know is interested in leading a study group for the first time and would like to speak with someone, please email **olli@american.edu** with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

To propose a study group, click the applicable proposal form link above. You will need to login with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time. Class formats in February and spring will continue to be in-person or online (with a limited number of hybrid classes). Study group leaders select their format preference on the proposal form.

SVB Parking Garage Construction MOVED to C2

As of Wednesday, November 9, 2022 the C3 level of the parking garage is open again. The

construction activity has moved to the C2 level. Part of the C2 level will be closed for construction.

Please see the new traffic pattern below for your reference.

All users will have full access to C1 and the driveway at C2 will be kept open to allow continued access to C3.

As a reminder, all OLLI members must follow **<u>American University's Good Neighbor Policy.</u>**



Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Fall Feedback and SGL Gifts

Fall Feedback

As you finish your study groups, please take a few minutes to complete the anonymous <u>feedback</u> <u>form</u> that is available on the OLLI website. You can also fill out a paper form located in each classroom (ask your SGR for one) and outside the OLLI office. Your feedback is an important part of being a member of a learning community. Whether the feedback praises an SGL for a job well done and/or offers constructive suggestions that might help the SGL, it is a demonstration of your support for our SGLs and OLLI program and is greatly appreciated. *As always, if you have suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.*

SGL Gifts

All of OLLI's Study Group Leaders are volunteers. Each academic session, we invite members to give them a gift in honor of all of the work they do to prepare and deliver their courses. This is completely voluntary on our members' behalf. Members may make a gift to Fall SGL(s) through December 16. Gifts can be made **online** *after logging on to your account on the OLLI website*, or by mailing a check to OLLI. Members can give gifts to all of their Study Group Leaders in a single form and with a single credit card transaction. The OLLI office will collect all gifts, write a check to each SGL, and mail the check with any notes from members to the SGL(s).

Update Zoom on Your Device (and Tips)

Update Zoom

If you are taking an online class, please be sure Zoom is up-to-date on your device **BEFORE the start of your next online class**. You can update and download Zoom <u>here</u>. Click "Download" under "Zoom Desktop Client." **If it is not updated ASAP, you will be unable to join meetings.** Please note that if Zoom is up-to-date on your device, **the icon is no longer a camera**, but a blue circle that says, "Zoom."

If you use an iPad or other tablet, you will need to update <u>Zoom</u> in the App Store or <u>Google Play</u> <u>Store</u>.

Closed Captions in Zoom

If you are taking an online class, live closed captions are available in Zoom. To request that they be turned on in the meeting, if they are not already, click "More" and then "Request Live Transcription." The host of the meeting will enable them. Closed captions are also available in recordings. To turn them on, click the "CC" icon at the bottom of the video window when viewing.

Photos from the 40th Anniversary Celebration





We are excited to share another batch of photos from our 40th Anniversary Celebration!

Click on the picture to view a larger version of it.





Today's Online Lecture

LOCATION

The remainder of the fall lectures will be held **either in-person at OLLI or online via Zoom**. Inperson lectures will be held in the **Spring Valley Building**, **4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, in Room A on the first floor.**

RESERVATIONS

Reservations <u>are</u> required to attend in-person lectures. Registration will open at 10:00 AM on the Friday prior to the lecture. Registration is via an event on the <u>OLLI website events calendar</u>. The direct registration link will be included in the Friday newsletter the week prior. Lectures are free and open to the public, but **you must have an OLLI account to register.** If you do not have one, you can create an account when registering. Each registrant may reserve one seat. Your name must be on the list of registrants to enter the lecture and you must be in your seat five minutes before the lecture starts to guarantee your seat.

Reservations are <u>not</u> required to attend online lectures. We will include the Zoom link in the 10:00 AM newsletter the day of each lecture.



Daniel Crocker, Corruption, Politics, and International Trade

Friday, November 11

1:30 PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Zoom Link

Dan Crocker is Director of the Dean Rusk International Studies Program at Davidson College. His Foreign Service career at the US Department of Commerce culminated in his assignment as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe and Eurasia. In that role, he was responsible for 28 countries, promoting national economic security by increasing US exports, removing market barriers for US companies, and expanding inward investment. Other assignments included Executive Director for Western Hemisphere and diplomatic postings in Spain, Panama, Brazil, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. His private sector experience ran a broad gamut, most recently as CEO of Veracity Worldwide, a boutique political risk advisory firm with offices in New York City, Melbourne, Tokyo, and London.

Next Week's Lecture



Steven Steinbach, *Teaching the Constitution* Friday, November 18 1:30 PM IN-PERSON at OLLI <u>Register</u>

Steven A. Steinbach is on the faculty of Sidwell Friends School, Washington, DC, where he has served as chair of the History Department, and where he teaches courses in United States History and American Government. He is a three-time recipient of the US Presidential Scholars Distinguished Teacher recognition award.

He is editor of *With Liberty and Justice for All?: The Constitution in the Classroom* (Oxford University Press, 2022), a unique approach to the study of both the Constitution and US History intended for classroom teachers, their students, and interested citizens more generally. The book features contributions from leading constitutional historians and includes a Foreword by the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Prior to becoming a high school teacher, Steinbach was a partner in the Washington, DC, law firm of Williams & Connolly LLP, where he specialized in criminal and civil litigation. Steinbach holds degrees from Harvard College (AB), Yale Law School (JD), and St. John's College, Annapolis (Master of Arts in Liberal Arts). He was a law clerk for the Hon. Arlin M. Adams of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit, the Steering Committee of the Quill Project of Pembroke College Oxford, and the Advisory Council of the Educating for American Democracy Initiative.

OLLI Trip

In-Person Tour of the Cryptologic Museum near Ft. Meade, MD Saturday, November 19, 2022 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Carpool Meet-up: 10:30 AM in the parking lot located behind 4801 Mass Ave NW (cars may NOT be left in this parking lot - be sure to be dropped off or park in a metered spot on the street)

Fees: no charge

Register and view more information.

Join us for an indoor tour, stewarded by OLLI's Tammy Belden, of a lesser known but fascinating DCarea museum! Small but mighty, the National Cryptologic Museum houses numerous artifacts from our nation's cryptologic history. Located adjacent to the National Security Agency's headquarters at Fort Meade, Maryland, this museum seeks to educate the public about the role of cryptology in shaping history. Recently remodeled, the museum collects, preserves, and showcases unique cryptologic artifacts and shares the stories of the people, technology, and methods that have defined cryptologic history. Current and former NSA employees serve as docents for the tours.

AU Events

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM Fall Schedule: Saturday, September 10-Sunday, December 11 **Friday-Sunday only** 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Fall exhibitions feature a contemporary ceramic group exhibition, portraits from the Corcoran Legacy Collection, work by local artists, and more. View more information here.

AU CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

"How Many Elections Can Israel Handle? Challenges Facing Israel's Democracy" **Academic Conference** Sunday, November 13 and Monday, November 14 6:00 PM Hybrid In Person Location: American University East Campus Conference Center in Washington, DC.

In recent years, scholars, activists, and democracy watchdog organizations have expressed growing concerns about the fragility of Israeli democracy. With five elections in three years, is Israeli democracy in real danger or are the dire warnings an exercise in hyperbole? What measures might Israel take to strengthen and help to preserve its democracy? We hope you will join us for our conference which addresses these and other related questions over two days, starting with a keynote address on November 13 at 6:00 PM by Aluf Benn, editor in chief, *Haaretz*. Hosted by American University's Center for Israel Studies and co-sponsored by School of International Service and School of Public Affairs. Questions: cutler@american.edu, 202-885-3780.

AU COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The Invisible Made Visible, the American University Chamber Singers, directed by Daniel Abraham, commentator Sara Clarke Kaplan Saturday, November 12, and Sunday, November 13 7:30 PM and 3:00 PM, respectively Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center <u>Tickets</u>: Free for AU students with ID, \$10 for alumni, staff, faculty, and senior citizens (55 and older), \$15 general admission

Join the Chamber Singers for a program centering the music of outstanding underrepresented choral creators of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. With a focus on Black, Latinx, and women composers, the program will include the music of Margaret Bonds, Rosenphanye Powell, Abbie Betinis, Andre Thomas, Emma Lou Diemer, José Maurício Nunes Garcia, Ysaye Barnwell, Joel Thompson and other well-known artists. The concert will also feature setting of texts by Langston Hughes, Paul Dunbar, and Maya Angelou that promote equity and rebuke racism and injustice.

American University's Dance Program Presents: MO(ve)MENTUM Artistic Director Ama Law Harold and Sylvia Greenberg Theatre, 4200 Wisconsin Ave NW Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19 8:00 PM <u>Tickets</u>: Free for AU students with ID, \$10 for alumni, staff, faculty, and senior citizens, \$15 general admission.

MO(ve)MENTUM is a mainstage event featuring new faculty work and student-choreographed, faculty-mentored projects. The choreographers embrace the momentum of the new semester and employ movement research to bring these projects to fruition.

American University Symphonic Band Conducted by Matthew Brown Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center, 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW Sunday, November 20 3:00 PM <u>Tickets</u>: Free for AU students with ID, \$10 for alumni, staff, faculty, and senior citizens (55 and older), \$15 general admission.

The AU Symphonic Band presents an eclectic variety of selections spanning the Band literature, ranging from century-old classics to relatively unknown contemporary works by living composers.

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