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OLLI NEWS — November 4, 2022

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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.

Spring Valley Building Parking Garage Construction

Beginning on **Monday, October 31, 2022** until **Wednesday, November 9, 2022**, the SVB Parking Garage **C3 (bottom level) will be CLOSED**. Parking access to C1 and C2 will NOT be impacted.

As a reminder, all OLLI members must follow [American University's Good Neighbor Policy](#).

Wanted: (More) SGR Coordinators

OLLI is looking for a few more volunteers to serve as **SGR Coordinator** for the February Shorts and Spring 2023 academic sessions, and beyond. SGR Coordinators make phone calls using either volunteer or class attendance lists to find SGRs for the study groups. *SGRs play a role in ensuring classes run smoothly: taking attendance, making announcements, reminding members about feedback, etc.*

Below are the upcoming dates that SGR Coordinators will need to make calls to class members to find someone in each class willing to be the SGR:

February Shorts: Make calls **January 17-20**

Spring: Make calls **February 17-24**

If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please e-mail olli@american.edu.

Update Zoom on Your Device Before Nov. 15 (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 online class. You can update and download Zoom [here](#). **If it is not updated by November 15, 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 have already updated or re-downloaded Zoom this semester, you may **disregard** this notice.

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 continue sharing photos from our 40th Anniversary Celebration. We will share a new batch of photos each week for the next 2-3 weeks.

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



Today's Lecture: Seats Still Available

LOCATION

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

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are 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 [OLLI website events calendar](#). 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 not required to attend online lectures. We will include the Zoom link in the 10:00 AM newsletter the day of each lecture.



Ken Babby, *How to Make Baseball Fun Again*

Friday, November 4

1:30 PM

IN-PERSON AT OLLI

[Register to attend.](#)

Join us for coffee and tea beforehand outside Room A.

Ken Babby, a native of Potomac, Maryland, is the founder of Fast Forward Sports Group, owning the Akron RubberDucks (AA) and Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp (AAA) minor league baseball teams. He has said that he seeks to create a memorable, unique, affordable, and enjoyable fan experience, and maximize the opportunity to create change in the community through charitable, wellness, and education initiatives.

Before founding Fast Forward Sports Group, Babby spent 13 years on the business side of *The Washington Post*, starting as a summer intern, rising to the role of Chief Revenue Officer of Washington Post Media and General Manager of Washington Post Digital.

In October 2012, Babby went into the baseball business when he purchased the Akron Aeros, Eastern League affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, and rebranded the team as the Akron RubberDucks after the 2013 season. In September 2015, Babby purchased the Jacksonville Suns, Southern League affiliate of the Miami Marlins, which he rebranded as the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp after the 2016 season. In the inaugural season as the Jumbo Shrimp, attendance increased by more than 61,000—the most of any Double-A ballpark and a ballpark-record 23 percent—to more than 325,000 for the first time in seven years.

Ken was named to *Sports Business Journal's* coveted "Forty Under 40" list in 2016. For the growth of the Akron franchise, he was a winner of the EY Entrepreneur of the Year® 2017 Award in the Northeast Ohio region. He is a graduate of Wheaton College (MA) with an MBA from Johns Hopkins University.

Please note that that this lecture is in-person at OLLI and registration is required.

Next Week's Lecture



Daniel Crocker, *Corruption, Politics, and International Trade*

Friday, November 11

1:30 PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

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.

Registration is NOT required to attend this online lecture. We will include the Zoom link in the 10:00 AM newsletter next Friday.

Serendipity! Talk

Dan Sherman, *We'll Always Have Paris: Casablanca at 80*

Wednesday, November 9

3:30 PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Released in November of 1942, Casablanca was quickly recognized as a great romantic film, full of memorable characters and iconic lines, all supported by one of Hollywood's greatest scores. This course will provide the backstory to the film, place it within the studio production system, and tell how it developed from an unfinished script when shooting began into the Best Picture of 1942. The talk will include clips from the movie, discuss its actors and creators, and highlight reasons for its appeal.

Dan Sherman has taught several courses on musical theater and film musicals at OLLI, along with many other venues in the area. He holds his PhD in economics from Cornell and retired as Managing Director at the American Institutes for Research.

No registration is required for this Serendipity. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of the talk. If you do not receive the newsletter and would like to attend, please e-mail olli@american.edu that morning.

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 DC-area 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.

Participate in Research

Hello,

My name is Caitlin Reynolds and I am working on a research project at NC State University. My project is on coronavirus risks and thoughts about end-of-life during the pandemic. You are invited to participate in an online survey! We are interested in perceived health risks and how they relate to thoughts about end-of-life during the pandemic.

If you choose to participate, you will be asked general questions about yourself (e.g., age and gender), your physical and social health, as well as your perceptions about death. Once completed, you are also invited to join our follow-up (2 years later). Thank you for your consideration, I appreciate the time commitment.

Here is the link to the survey:

https://ncsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4UCPVaxYQmKhftr

Here is the **[CONSENT FORM](#)**.

Thank you!

Caitlin Reynolds (she/her/hers)

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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.](#)

THE AU OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

Author Talk: *Test Gods*

Wednesday, November 9

12:00-1:00 PM

Join the AU Office of Alumni Relations for a riveting discussion as author Nicholas Schmidle, SIS/MA '05, takes us behind the scenes of today’s commercial space race and explores what it takes to pursue our wildest dreams. Discover what led him to write this remarkable story, and how his AU experience shaped him. [View more information and register 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.

[Register and view more information.](#)

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

Music Faculty Concert: *Jazz with Joshua Bayer*

Saturday, November 5

7:30 PM

American UniversityMuseum at the Katzen Arts Center

[Tickets:](#) Free for AU students with ID, \$10 for alumni, staff, faculty, and senior citizens (55 and older), \$15 general admission

Experience music in the museum with an evening jazz concert compiled by American University

musician in residence Joshua Bayer. Featuring [Joshua Bayer](#) on guitar, [Paul Carr](#) on saxophone, Blake Meister on bass, and JC Jefferson Jr. on drums.

***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
[Tickets](#): 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
[Tickets](#): 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
[Tickets](#): 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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