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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OLLI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dear OLLI at AU Members –

I had the privilege of attending the 15th Annual Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes National Conference a couple of weeks ago in San Diego. This was my fifth conference over the years, and as always, the experience was full of opportunities to learn, share, and be reminded of how special OLLI at American University is. There are 125 OLLIs around the country, and each is unique and designed to serve the community in its geographic region. As we know at OLLI at American University, we are surrounded by individual and institutional excellence that provides our community with the richest academic programming.

I always learn a great deal from my colleagues at these conferences about how they operate within their host universities, how they solicit new faculty and members, or what the thrust of their academic programming is. But one of the biggest joys I get is when people seek me out to ask about OLLI at American University's program. Other Directors and volunteer leaders attending the conference are aware of our reputation for academic excellence.

We at OLLI at AU know that the consistent range and depth of our programming is always impressive, but it's very gratifying to know that it is recognized throughout the network. Obviously, we have our dedicated instructors and teachers (SGLs), our committed Curriculum Committee members, our Board of Directors, and our members who eagerly take our courses, to thank for all of this.

I spoke at OLLI at AU's Town Hall last week about the scale of the national Osher network, but for those who couldn't attend, I thought it might be helpful for you to see the reach of OLLIs across the country:

By the Numbers:

125 Institutes

276 towns and cities served

28 private and 97 public universities or colleges

933 average membership (we will be around 1500 this year)

150 average volunteers (we will have approximately 340 this year)

18,780 active volunteers nationally

So, as you read this, I hope that you have a sense of what an important network we are all a part of. OLLI at AU is its own learning community, but we are part of something much bigger that serves so many across the country, for which we should all be proud.

Thank you, and I wish you a great remainder of the fall semester.

Tony Long

Executive Director

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

CALLING ALL FEBRUARY & SPRING PROPOSALS



February Shorts:

February 5-9

Classes meet 2-5 times during the one week

[PROPOSAL FORM](#)

Spring Semester:

March 4-May 10

Classes meet once a week for 7-10 weeks

[PROPOSAL FORM](#)

Proposal deadline for both: November 26

We welcome proposals from both new and previous study group leaders! 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 log in 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.

UPDATE ZOOM

If you are taking an online class, please be sure Zoom is up-to-date on your device. You can update and download Zoom [here](#) (see image below). **If it is not updated by November 4, you will be unable to join classes.** If you have already updated or re-downloaded Zoom this semester, you may **disregard** this notice.

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Phone, Meetings, Chat, Whiteboard and more for your desktop.

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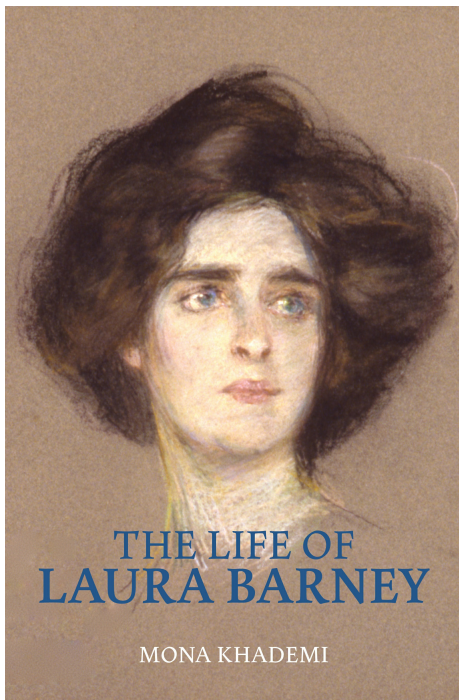
Zoom Plugin for Microsoft Outlook

The Zoom Plugin for Outlook installs a button on the Microsoft Outlook tool bar to enable you to start or schedule a meeting with one-click.

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EVENTS



SERENDIPITY TALK

Mona Khademi, Alice Pike Barney and Laura Barney: The Contributions of Mother and Daughter to the Arts and Culture of Washington DC

Wednesday, November 1 | 1:45-2:45 PM

In-person at OLLI (Room A on the first floor)

Join OLLI for an interesting talk about the contributions of a mother and daughter to the arts and culture in Washington, DC. Alice Pike Barney (1857-1931) was an artist, writer, theater director, philanthropist, and prominent civic and social leader. With her wealth and social connections, she became a powerful ally for the arts when her family moved to the capital in 1889. She was called an ambassador of the arts. Her daughter Laura (1879-1974) who lived in Paris during her adult life and had studied dramatic arts and sculpture, had numerous acts of service to the arts of Washington. Her legacies and contributions to this city and to the Smithsonian Institution will be discussed and reviewed. Mona Khademi will share stories about the National

Sylvan Theatre, Studio House, the Nude Sculpture, Memorial Fund at the Smithsonian Institution, and many more. This presentation will be followed by a book signing. **No registration is required to attend.**

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



SERENDIPITY TALK

Gerry Mansell, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Monday, November 13 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Online

Join Gerry, a former sentinel, for a history of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as he shares the duties and responsibilities of those who guard the Unknowns. The talk will cover the following topics:

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: Site Overview, Selection process and honors rendered to each Unknown: WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Sarcophagus description and symbolism

The Sentinels: Why we guard the Unknowns, Mission, Guard Selection process and standards, Guard's routine on post, Changing of the Guard, Training, Behind the scenes / A day in the life

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of the talk.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

OLLI's Summer Curriculum Committee is looking for several OLLI members with an interest in helping recruit new and previous Study Group Leaders (instructors) for the June Minis and July Shorts.

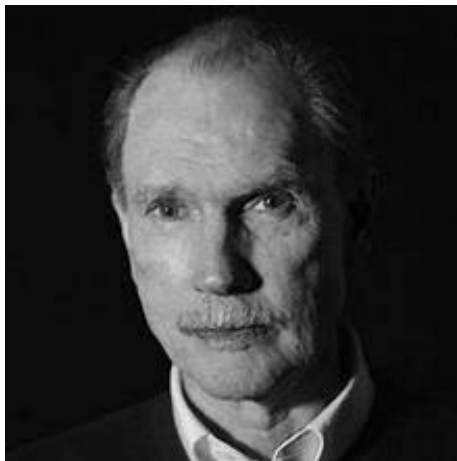
The Summer Curriculum Committee, just as our regular standing Curriculum Committee, is responsible for OLLI's core mission of providing members with the highest caliber of courses. Committee members actively seek out new Study Group Leaders and solicit proposals from previous ones. They acknowledge receipt of summer study group proposals, offer any suggestions of improvement/edits, and communicate with and support Study Group Leaders to ensure a successful experience.

Committee members attend three meetings, one in early February, March, and April, and work from home from February-April. Members preferably have interest and/or experience in at least one of the subject areas. An orientation is provided for new committee members. If you're interested in being considered for this volunteer role, or have any questions, please e-mail olli@american.edu.

[VOLUNTEER](#)

LECTURES

Reservations are required to attend in-person lectures. Registration is open via the direct links below or the event on the [OLLI website events calendar](#). Lectures are free and open to the public, but you must have or create an OLLI account to register. Each registrant may reserve up to two seats. Your name must be on the list of registrants and you must be in your seat five minutes before the lecture starts to guarantee your seat. **Fall lectures are being held in-person at OLLI:** 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, in Room A on the first floor.



TODAY'S LECTURE

Rev. Joe Eldridge, “Progressive Evangelical” Is Not an Oxymoron

October 27 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Joe Eldridge was Executive Director of the Washington Office on Latin America from 1974 to 1986 and is a Senior Fellow there now. At American University he was the University Chaplain, director of the Kay Spiritual Life Center, adjunct faculty at AU's School of International Service, founder of the university's Alternative Break program, helped launch both the university's Human Rights Film Series, and holds an MA in Social Enterprise.

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

James Johnston, James Alexander Simpson and the Early American Portrait Painters

November 3 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Jim Johnston is a lawyer, writer, and lecturer in Washington, DC. His writings have appeared in such diverse publications as The New York Times, Muslim World, The Washington Post, White House History Magazine, The Howard Law Journal, and The American Lawyer magazine. He has written three books: From Slave Ship to Harvard, Yarrow Mamout and the History of an African American Family; Murder, Inc., The CIA under John F. Kennedy; and The Recollections of Margaret Loughborough, A Southern Woman's Memories of Richmond VA and Washington DC during the Civil War.

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OLLI HAPPENINGS



MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK

Thanks to all our members who participated in last week's Member Appreciation Week and to OLLI at AU's amazing Social Committee, chaired by Jeff Porter, for making it happen! We had a wonderful time in the social space on the 5th floor, enjoying treats and games with prizes each day. We culminated our week of thanks on Friday with sandwich wraps and a drawing for more prizes. It was such a pleasure to see everyone together in the social space enjoying each other's company. We encourage all members to use this space to gather, while enjoying complementary tea and coffee each day.

AU EVENTS

AU MUSEUM

Fall Hours: Wednesday–Sunday, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

September 9–December 10

AU ARTS

Head Over Heels

Directed by Carl Menninger

October 27 | 8:00 PM

October 28 | 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM

Harold and Sylvia Greenberg Theatre, 4200 Wisconsin Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016

A hilarious, exuberant celebration of love, *Head Over Heels* follows the escapades of a royal family on an outrageous journey to save their beloved kingdom from extinction—only to discover the key to their realm's survival lies within each of their own hearts. This laugh-out-loud love story is set to the music of the iconic 1980s all-female rock band The Go-Go's, including the hit songs, "We Got the Beat," "Our Lips Are Sealed," "Vacation," Belinda Carlisle's "Heaven is a Place on Earth," and "Mad About You."

Content: The production includes sexual innuendo, simulated intercourse, violence, and death.

Daughters of Leda

Directed by Shanara Gabrielle and Angelisa Gillyard

November 1-3 | 8:00 PM

November 4 | 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM

Katzen Arts Center, Studio Theatre, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016

In this contemporary reimagining of epic tales from Ancient Greece, the seasons change, and Persephone returns to the underworld. A mortal girl arrives at the same time, asking questions that turn history upside down.

[VIEW ALL AU ARTS FALL PRODUCTIONS](#)

Free for AU students with ID; \$10 for alumni, staff, children (under 18), faculty, and senior citizens (55 and older); \$15 general public.

Voices for Change: Music Transforming Conflict

October 29 | 5:00-6:30 PM

Katzen Arts Center, Abramson Family Recital Hall

Free admission

Immerse yourself in the transformative power of music as we delve into its ability to heal wounds, bridge divides, and unite communities. This event is a unique opportunity to witness firsthand how music can break down barriers and ignite conversations that lead to lasting change.

Performances by the Jerusalem Youth Chorus and AU Chamber Singers will be followed by a panel discussion. Sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) and the Aspen Institute.

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AU SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Ambassadors Up-Close: Spotlight on Spain and the Mediterranean

November 2 | 4:30 PM

American University, School of International Service, Founders Room

Spain currently holds the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union in a particularly difficult and challenging context for the continent. Beyond the war in Ukraine and maintaining strong transatlantic ties, Spain is intent on pushing the EU forward on the all-important subjects of strategic industries and technology, promoting renewable energy, developing a more solidarity-based economy, and reforming the union's migration policy. H.E. Santiago Cabanas, Spain's Ambassador to the US, will cover these key topics and more for Spain, Europe, and the US. SIS professor Garret Martin will moderate the discussion, which will be followed by an audience Q&A.

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Ambassadors Up Close: Spotlight on the Black Sea

November 7 | 11:00 AM

American University, School of International Service, Founders Room

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 has put a major spotlight on the vital importance of the Black Sea. The region is at the intersection of key security threats with the ongoing war nearby, crucial maritime challenges with the grain crisis, and ensuring energy alternatives to Russian gas.

H.E. Andrei Muraru, Ambassador of Romania to the United States, and H.E. Georgi Panayotov, Ambassador of Bulgaria to the United States, will discuss these major challenges for their countries, for Europe, and for Transatlantic Relations. Prof Toni Tileva will moderate the discussion, which will be followed by an audience Q&A.

This event is co-sponsored by the Transatlantic Policy Center and SIS' Department of Foreign Policy and Global Security.

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OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MISSION

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University is an association of, by, and for the people in the Washington, DC area who wish to continue to study and learn.

OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that curiosity never retires.

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