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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OLLI members will elect four members to the Board of Directors in April 2024. A nominating committee has

been appointed by the Board Chair consisting of Sue Rolnick (Chair), John Aldock, Ed Feinberg, David Flaxman, and Rita Hadden. Further information regarding this process will be forthcoming.

ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report for the 2022-2023 academic year is now available on the OLLI website.

[VIEW ONLINE](#)

COVID TESTS AVAILABLE

AUPD generously donated over 100 rapid Covid tests to OLLI members. Please feel free to take some from the box in the social space. Note: these tests expire at the end of December.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

FINAL FEEDBACK

The [final feedback form](#) is available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." As always, feedback is anonymous.

Paper copies of the feedback form are also available in each class folder (just ask your SGR for one) as well as outside the OLLI office. **If you have suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.**

Final feedback will now be accepted through Friday, December 15.

SGL GIFTS

All of OLLI's study group leaders are volunteers. Each academic session, members are invited to give them a gift in honor of all of the work they do to prepare and deliver their courses. This is completely voluntary. [SGL gifts](#) can be made on the OLLI website under "Give" and then "SGL Gifts." **You must log into your account on the website to see the gift form.** SGL gifts can also be made by mailing or dropping off a check made payable to **OLLI at AU** with the course number(s) listed in the memo field. 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).

SGL gifts will now be accepted through Friday, December 15.

GIVE THE GIFT OF OLLI

This holiday season, give your friend or family member a gift certificate for an academic session at OLLI. Contact the office at 202-895-4860 for more information.

GIFT



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RECEIVING PRINT CATALOGS

We are excited to announce that the February Shorts & Spring print catalog will be mailed out mid-December.

We have a feature in member accounts that allows you to indicate if you wish **not** to receive print catalogs in the mail. **If you don't want to receive print catalogs:**

- Log into your member account on the [OLLI website](#).
- Click on your name at the top of the page and then go to "Edit Account" on the left.
- Uncheck the box next to "Receive Print Catalogs." (See image below.)

If you wish to continue receiving catalogs, no action is necessary. If you and your spouse both receive catalogs, but just one would be sufficient, please log into one of your member accounts and follow the steps above to uncheck the box.

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Receive Print Catalogs

If this box is checked, you will receive print catalogs in the mail.

Publicity Release

If this box is checked, you authorize OLLI to use your photo and name in its marketing and publicity.

DO NOT include the
following in the OLLI
member directory

My Name

My Phone

My Address

My Email Address

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- [Instructor \(teach a class\)](#)
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RELATIONSHIP TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

If you have or had a relationship with American University, please check one or more of the boxes below to indicate the relationship(s).

EVENTS

The OLLI Board of Directors invites you to a

HOLIDAY *Party*

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DECEMBER
4:00-6:00 PM

**WINE & HORS D'OEUVRES
\$25 PER PERSON. NO REFUNDS.**

Spring Valley Cafe on 6th Floor
4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Funded in part by the Alfred E. and Sylvia K. Brown Memorial Fund

Register for the Holiday Party [HERE](#).



MOZART CELEBRATION

January 26 | 1:30 PM

Room A in the Spring Valley Building

Join City Choir's Artistic Director Erin Freeman and singers from the 2023 Wolf Trap Opera Studio for a Mozart celebration! Erin Freeman will take you behind the scenes of the monumental C minor mass, an epic opera-meets-chorus masterpiece. You'll also be treated to a few Mozart arias performed by the soloists for City Choir's January performance - rising stars of the opera world trained most recently at Wolf Trap Opera, and hand selected by Erin Freeman and Arianna Zukerman. There will be a Q and A after the performances, followed by a reception. **Registration is required.**

REGISTER

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

David Patterson, *The Pinchots: A Family Saga*

December 1 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Derived from compelling stories in his recent book, *The Pinchots: A Family Saga*, David focuses particularly on several Pinchots who lived and worked in Washington, DC. Featured are Gifford Pinchot's friendship and collaboration on conservation initiatives with Presidents Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt, and the Pinchot women - Gifford's mother Mary Pinchot, a grande dame in the nation's capital, his activist, ambitious wife Leila, and Mary and Tony, the beautiful daughters of Amos Pinchot, Gifford's brother, and their involvements with the Kennedys in the 1950s and 1960s.

David Patterson's career includes teaching American history courses at major universities and his chief editorship of the longstanding US Department of State series, *Foreign Relations of the United States*. *The Pinchots* is an outgrowth of his concerns about global environmental challenges, which Gifford Pinchot early confronted, and his interest in Amos Pinchot's commitment to civil liberties and peace. He is the author of two

previously well received books, *Toward a Warless World: The Travail of the American Peace Movement, 1887-1914* and *The Search for Negotiated Peace: Women's Activism and Citizen Diplomacy in World War I*. David received his BA from Yale University and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. He and his wife live in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

[REGISTER](#)

AU EVENTS

AU MUSEUM

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

September 9–December 10

AU ARTS

[stay with me](#), American University Chorus

December 1-2 | 7:30 PM

Abramson Family Recital Hall, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016

The AU Chorus fall concert explores the need for us to stay connected, to build a family and community, and to be together with those we love through the joys and sorrows of life. This concert will feature excerpts from Eric Whitacre's "The Sacred Veil." This concert will mark Casey Cook's 10th year as director of the American University Chorus.

[American Landscapes](#), American University Symphonic Band

December 3 | 3:00 PM

Abramson Family Recital Hall, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016

The American University Symphonic Band explores a variety of works inspired by North America's vast and varied natural world. Works include Copland's iconic "Appalachian Spring," a delightful multi-movement work titled "A Little Mexican Suite" by Mexican composer Nubia Jaime-Donjuan, a modern setting of the classic song "Shenandoah" by Omar Thomas, and a variety of other works.

[Damn Things Will Kill Ya](#), Department of Performing Arts

December 5-8 | 8:00 PM

December 9 | 2:00 and 8:00 PM

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

"You can't choose who you love. It doesn't work like that." A little thing like lung cancer isn't going to stop Ruth from smoking—even in the hospital. As her children gather by her bedside, they struggle with the hard-headed, hard-hearted woman who raised them—and with each other. As events unfold, the family is forced to grapple with faith, fear, forgiveness, and the complicated consequences of letting go. *Damn Things Will Kill Ya* was written by recent AU graduate Olivia Luzquinos (CAS '23), and features AU Theatre faculty member Tara Giordano as the matriarch Ruth. This production will be the first time the AU Theatre Program has fully produced a show by a recent graduate.

Content: This production includes adult themes and references to suicide.

[VIEW ALL AU ARTS FALL PRODUCTIONS](#)

[Tickets](#) are free for AU students with ID; \$10 for alumni, staff, children (under 18), faculty, and senior citizens (55 and older); \$15 general public.

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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