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Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time is this Sunday, March 12. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday!

Preliminary Feedback

The preliminary feedback form is available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." Here is the direct link: [FEEDBACK FORM](#) As always, feedback is anonymous.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to provide feedback about each of your study groups after attending **two class sessions**. Some study groups started this week, so the feedback form will be open through next week. ***If you have suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.***

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 choose to complete a paper form, please drop it off at the office when you're finished.

Preliminary feedback will be accepted through **Friday, March 17.**

Parking Reminder

Please do **NOT** park on residential streets (including Massachusetts Ave. NW), whether it is nearby or several blocks away from OLLI's Spring Valley building.

As an affiliate of American University, all OLLI members must follow American University's Good Neighbor Policy:

In accordance with Washington DC regulations and the University's "Good Neighbor Policy," all members of the University community – including students, faculty, staff, visitors and guests – are required to do one of the following while attending class, working, or visiting AU owned property .

A. Park on campus and obtain a parking permit (this option is not currently available to OLLI members),

B. Purchase hourly/daily parking using the pay-as-you-go parking kiosks, or

C. Use public transportation.

Compliance with the Good Neighbor Policy is part of the OLLI lease with American University.

This policy applies to ALL members, including those who have DC Zone 3 parking permits.

When coming to OLLI, please park in the garage under the building and pay for parking either via the [PayByPhone app](#) or the kiosk in each elevator lobby.

Members who do not follow AU's "Good Neighbor Policy" risk getting a \$200 parking ticket from American University, but most importantly, they **put OLLI at risk of violating its lease agreement with American University.**

Teach a Summer Course at OLLI!



If you are passionate about a topic, we invite you to share your talents by leading an OLLI at AU course (or study group, as we call them). **We are currently accepting June and July study group proposals** from within the OLLI membership, the Washington, DC community, and thanks to Zoom, from those outside of the area as well. **With the shorter sessions, the summer is a great time**

to get started at OLLI and "dip your toe" in the teaching waters!

Know someone who may like to teach? Forward him or her this information or let us know by emailing olli@american.edu.

A Few OLLI Teaching Basics

- **Class formats and lengths are flexible.** You can teach in-person or online, from two-sessions to a full 10-week study group. Each class session is 90 minutes during one of three time slots (9:45 AM, 11:45 AM, or 1:45 PM).
- **OLLI is primarily a volunteer-led organization** and instructors (study group leaders) teach on a volunteer basis. SGLs can take free classes during either the session in which they teach or the following comparable session. They are also provided a parking stipend, given recognition at OLLI's study group leader luncheon, and have access to AU's Bender Library.
- **OLLI has three types of academic programming:**
 - Fall** (Sept-Dec) and **Spring** (late Feb-May)—study groups meet once a week for 7-10 weeks
 - February Shorts** and **July Shorts**—study groups meet 2-5 times over the course of one week
 - June Minis**—study groups meet once a week for 4 weeks
- **A study group leader orientation** is offered to new SGLs before they teach for the first time. It's a two-hour session offered online and led by OLLI staff and current SGLs.

Who Teaches at OLLI at AU?

Our teaching ranks include active and retired academics, doctors, lawyers, teachers, psychologists, AU professors, and more—all with an amazing range of experience and backgrounds. Our unique learning community sets our program apart for many who lead study groups. Members bring their diverse life experience to the classroom for an invigorating learning environment. It is learning for the simple joy of learning with no tests or grades.

Develop Your Own Course

Subject areas include: Politics, Law, and Government; Psychology, Sociology, and Culture; Economics and Personal Finance; STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering, and Math); Arts and Music; Language and Literature; History and Geography; and Philosophy and Religion. **Explore [past courses and catalogs](#) for ideas. Talk with a Curriculum Committee member in charge of your area of interest. Try a short course. Test your idea.** Contact the office at olli@american.edu for any support or questions in developing an offering or to connect with a committee member.

June and July Study Group Proposals

To propose a summer study group, please click one of the links below. You will need to log in with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.

June Minis: June 5-30 (classes meet once a week for 4 weeks)

Proposal form: <https://www.olli-dc.org/studygroupproposalform>

July Shorts: July 10-14 (classes meet 2-5 times that week)

Proposal form: <https://olli-dc.org/shortsproposalform>

Submission deadline for both sessions: Sunday, April 9.

For more information about teaching at OLLI, please visit [Become an Instructor](#) on the OLLI website or contact the office.

Today's Lecture

Please note that today's lecture registration and waitlist are both full. If you are registered or on the waitlist, please plan to arrive by 1:25 PM. If any space remains after this time, we will open seating to others.



John A. Lawrence, *Arc of Power: Inside Nancy Pelosi's Speakership, 2005-2010*

March 10

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI: 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Room A

How did she do it? Nancy Pelosi was arguably the most consequential Speaker of the House since Sam Rayburn. From his perspective as her Chief of Staff during her first period as Speaker, John Lawrence will tell us about her "Arc of Power."

Copies of his book, *Arc of Power: Inside Nancy Pelosi's Speakership, 2005-2010*, will be available for purchase for \$20. Pay via cash or a check made out to the speaker.

Next Friday's Lecture

Registration is required to attend in-person lectures. Registration opens at 10:00 AM on the Friday prior to each lecture and is via an event on the [OLLI website events calendar](#) or the **direct link below. Spring lectures are being held in-person at OLLI: 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, in Room A on the first floor. Lectures are on Fridays from 1:30-2:30 PM.**



Ralph Begleiter, *Adventures of a Global Journalist*

March 17

1:30-2:30 PM

[Register](#)

What was it like to be present at the creation of a network with global viewership of 24-hour news? Based on his two decades as a foreign correspondent for CNN, Mr. Begleiter will share some of his experiences covering major world crises as well as the winding down of the Cold War.

During the 1980s and 1990s, when CNN was the world's only global, all-news television channel, Ralph Begleiter worked in 100 countries on all seven continents covering US diplomacy and interviewing countless world leaders. He also hosted the public affairs program "Global View," and co-anchored CNN's "International Hour." Later, he hosted the nationally broadcast PBS program "Great Decisions." During nearly 20 years at the University of Delaware, he was founding Director of the Center for Political Communication and brought his broadcast journalism experience to award-winning instruction in communication, journalism, and political science.

In 2004-2005, Begleiter successfully used the Freedom of Information Act in the United States to prompt public release of hundreds of photos taken by the US government of fallen American soldiers returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq in flag-draped caskets. The ban on visibility of returning casualties was lifted by the Pentagon in 2009. For this effort, in 2012 Common Cause of Delaware honored Begleiter with its John Gardner Lifetime Achievement Award. At the invitation of the US government, Begleiter has taught journalists in Cambodia, Thailand, Jordan, Syria and Taiwan, and has taught media-related classes for employees of the US National Security Agency.

Serendipity! Talk

Dan Sherman, *The Incomparable Katherine Hepburn*

Tuesday, March 21

3:30-5:00 PM

Born to a wealthy family, Hepburn shot to early fame, winning the first of her four Oscars (a record) when only 26 years old, though she soon became "box office poison." She quickly brought about her own comeback with *The Philadelphia Story* and became an icon of screen in both dramatic and comedic roles. This webinar will include many performance excerpts (including her single stage musical!) and discuss her screen persona as an independent woman, her legacy, and her life, including her relationship with Spencer Tracy.

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 recently retired as Managing Director at the American Institutes for Research.

No registration is required. 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.

Member Appreciation Week

March 20-24 will be Member Appreciation Week at OLLI! Each day, we will have refreshments in the **Social Space** located on the 5th floor:

Monday and **Thursday** – morning breakfast treats starting at 9:00 AM

Tuesday and Wednesday – afternoon dessert treats available from 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM

Friday – sandwich wraps at 12:30 PM, prior to the weekly lecture

Office Volunteers Wanted

As the Spring Semester is under way, we are looking for office volunteers to come in on Fridays to assist with phone calls and emails, as well as other administrative tasks as needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please email olli@american.edu with your availability.

Access Class Recordings

Most online classes are recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all class recordings for that session. [Spring recordings](#) are listed under Classes, then Semesters/Minis on the OLLI website (see the image below). Each day's recordings are added to the website by 5:00 PM. You must first [log into your member account](#) in order to view the recordings. **Recordings are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of each session.**

The screenshot shows the OLLI website interface. At the top left is the OLLI logo with the text 'OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE' and 'at American University Washington, DC'. To the right of the logo is the text 'Welcome Sara!' and 'Logoff', followed by text size controls. A 'Join Email List' button is located in the top right corner. Below the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: HOME, ABOUT, MEMBERSHIP, CLASSES, DOCUMENTS, DIGITAL LIBRARY, LECTURES/EVENTS, GIVE, and CONTACT. The 'CLASSES' menu is open, showing a dropdown list with the following items: Types of Classes, Semesters/Minis, Shorts, June Minis & Fall Proposal Form, July Shorts Proposal Form, Become an Instructor, and Catalog Archive. The 'Semesters/Minis' item is expanded, showing a sub-menu with the following items: Search Spring Semester, View/Register for Spring, Spring 2023 Handouts, Spring 2023 Recordings, and Spring Catalog Changes. The 'Spring 2023 Recordings' item is highlighted. Below the navigation menu is a large banner image featuring a field of colorful tulips. To the right of the banner is a 'REGISTER.' button with a right-pointing arrow. Below the banner is a section titled 'UPCOMING EVENTS' with two event listings: 'OLLI 2023 Spring Semester SGL Meeting' on Feb 20 and 'OLLI 2023 Spring Semester Member Zoom Training' on Feb 22. To the right of the 'UPCOMING EVENTS' section is a 'MEMBER LOGIN' section with fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', and a 'Login' button. In the bottom left corner, there is a 'Gold Transparency 2022 Candid.' logo and the text 'OUR MISSION'.

AU Events

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

Spring Schedule

February 4-May 21

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 or visit their [website](#).

Gail Rebhan: *About Time*

Presented by the Alper Initiative for Washington Art

February 4-May 21

[Register](#)

For better and worse, nothing stays still. DC artist Gail Rebhan (b. 1953) knows that well and this, her first museum retrospective, explores her many different ways over four decades of using and reconfiguring the time-slicing medium of photography to reflect on macro-and-micro-dynamics of interactions inside families—her own and that of other immigrants—on the centuries of change in diverse areas of the nation’s capital, and on the marks of time revealed on her body (along with periodic attempts to fight it) from young adult, to mother of two sons, then caregiver of an aging father, to the present as she continues making art and living while facing the start of her seventh decade. OLLI is excited to be a co-sponsor for this exhibit. There are several Gallery Talks for which you can register.

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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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