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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.

Next Week'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.**



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

March 10

1:30 PM

[Register](#)

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."

After serving for 30 years as a senior staff member in the U.S. House of Representatives, **John A. Lawrence** was the Chief of Staff to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) for eight years including her first term as Speaker. He previously served as staff director of the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Natural Resources, as well as chief of staff and legislative director to Congressman George Miller (D-Calif.). Upon Mr. Lawrence's retirement in February 2013, Speakers John A. Boehner and Nancy Pelosi recognized his dedication to the House and to bipartisanship by conferring on him the John W. McCormack Award for Excellence. He currently is a visiting professor at the University of California (Washington Campus), and also teaches at the McCourt School for Public Policy at Georgetown University. He has lectured at Princeton's Wilson School of Public Policy, the Eagleton Institute for Public Policy at Rutgers, Columbia University, Oberlin College and other institutions. He blogs on Congress and public affairs at [DOMEocracy](#). His book about the former Speaker, *Arc of Power: Inside Nancy Pelosi's Speakership, 2005-1010*, is available at Politics and Prose.

Spring Semester: Registration and Reminders

Still Time to Register

Although the Spring Semester has started, you can still add a course or two to your schedule! The deadline to add or drop courses isn't until **Friday, March 10**. Let your friends know that [registration](#) is still open and that they can attend any of the online courses from anywhere in

the world!

A number of courses still have space available. Visit the [website](#) to see the status of each course. If you already have four courses and would like to add another, please contact the OLLI office at 202-895-4860 or olli@american.edu and we will add you to the class.

Spring Catalog Changes

Class changes can be viewed on the [Spring Catalog Changes](#) page on the website, located under Classes, then Semesters/Minis. Any changes are updated there immediately.

Parking

In accordance with American University's Good Neighbor policy, members are required to park in the Spring Valley Building garage when attending OLLI classes or events. Members can pay at a kiosk (there is one on each level by the elevators) or by using the PayByPhone app. [View more information and a tutorial on how to use the app.](#)



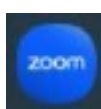
Hearing Loops

All of the classrooms at OLLI have hearing loops installed. "Hearing loops" are state-of-the-art "Listening Assistive" technology. There are three main parts to a hearing loop: the wire that is installed around and across the room, a microphone, and a transceiver (which picks up and amplifies the sound from the microphone). The system both amplifies the speaker's voice and suppresses background noise.

We urge everyone who has hearing loss to take advantage of the hearing loops. The sound is remarkable. It's as if the person speaking is sitting right next to you. [View detailed information.](#)

Keep Zoom Up-to-Date

Please be sure Zoom is up-to-date on your device before the start of your online class. Users on **Apple devices must be on at least iOS 11** and **Android users must be on at least Android 6** to continue to receive Zoom updates. You can update and download Zoom [here](#). 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" (see image below).



Access Your Online Class

If you accidentally delete the daily e-mail with your class Zoom link, or cannot find it again, you can access the Zoom link for each of your classes by logging into your OLLI member account on the [website](#). The first page to come up will be your account page, which lists your classes (see image below). Under each class you will find the Zoom link for that class. Click the link to go into your class

at the specified time. If you leave this page and need to get back, simply click your name (hyperlinked in blue) at the top of the page. [View a video tutorial.](#)

For tips and instructions on how to use Zoom, click [here](#).

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Overview

Thank you for registering. You'll find a summary of your study groups below. If you'd like to volunteer with OLLI, please [update your volunteer interests](#).

MY SPRING 2023 STUDY GROUPS

Registration for Spring 2023 Study Groups ends 3/11/2023
[View Study Group Catalog](#)

You may register for up to 4 study groups. You have 1 choice remaining.

[Add a Study Group](#)

Study Group	Status	I want to:
505 : Gustav Mahler—the Man and his Music Mondays 1:45 — 3:15 PM Class Format: In-Person Zoom URL: https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/92006858760?pwd=K2I1dUVzMHFBL1pTMmttNk8xclVzQT09	Registered	Drop this class
645 : After the War Wednesdays 9:45 — 11:15 AM Class Format: In-Person	Registered	Drop this class

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.**



Types of Classes

Semesters/Minis

Shorts

June Minis & Fall Proposal Form

July Shorts Proposal Form

Become an Instructor

Catalog Archive

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See individual study

groups for the schedule, length, and format.

[REGISTER.](#)



OUR MISSION

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 20 OLLI 2023 Spring Semester SGL Meeting
12:00 PM — 1:00 PM
Mon., Feb. 20, 12:00 -1:00 PM

FEB 22 OLLI 2023 Spring Semester Member Zoom Training
12:00 PM — 1:00 PM

MEMBER LOGIN

Username:

Password:

[Login](#)

National Portrait Gallery Study

The National Portrait Gallery is involved in a study that looks at the ways people with different levels of sight experience audio description. As part of the study, we are looking for volunteers to take part in some online research. We need participants who are blind, partially-blind, low-vision or sighted; who are art lovers, or who have no interest in art at all, or who fall somewhere in between. The study takes approximately 1 hour, and we are able to offer a thank you voucher of \$10.

This is a collaborative UK/US project, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, run by Alison Eardley (University of Westminster), in partnership with the National Portrait Gallery (US), Access Smithsonian (US), the Watts Gallery and Artists Village (UK), VocalEyes (UK), Smartify, Royal Holloway, University of London and the University of Westminster.

[Participate in the study.](#)

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.

AU CENTER OF ISRAEL STUDIES

“Arab Jews, Jews of Islam, Mizrahim or Sephardim? Jews from Arab Lands in Israel”

Academic Conference

Monday, March 6

1:00-6:00 PM

Abramson Family Founders Room, School of International Service Building

[RSVP](#)

The majority of Israelis today can trace back part or all of their ancestry to immigrants from the Arab world. This conference will explore the place which this heterogeneous group occupies in Israel’s society, its fights against discrimination and marginalization, its role in politics, and its search for identity. Co-sponsored by American University World Languages and Cultures Program and Center for Israel Studies.

The Netanyahu Government's Legal Overhaul: A Threat to Democracy? A Conversation with Former Israeli Chief Justice Dorit Beinisch

Thursday, March 9

1:00-2:00 PM

Online via Zoom

[RSVP](#)

The recently formed right-wing government under Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu proposed a far-reaching legal overhaul, which has led to major protests. Israel’s president Isaac Herzog has warned of a “societal collapse.” American University's Center for Israel Studies and Washington College of Law invite you to a conversation with former Chief Justice Dorit Beinisch on the proposed plans and their possible consequences.

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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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