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Summer Courses are OPEN!



June Minis and July Shorts courses are open on the website. Click the buttons below to view

each session and choose your lottery selections. Make your selections before each session's lottery in order to have the best chance of getting into your preferred courses.

Making your course selections and re-ordering them is now easier than ever! **Watch a [video tutorial](#) on how to use our updated form.**

Prefer to mail in a registration form? **Download and print a paper registration form for each session using the buttons below.** Copies are also available outside the OLLI office.

New Member Benefit

For the first time ever, **a selection of in-person June Minis and July Shorts will be recorded** and posted on our website. The recordings will be available to members registered for each of the summer sessions. Below is a list of the in-person June Minis and July Shorts that will be recorded. This is also noted in the description of each course.

June Minis

- **1110 The Great Financial Crisis of 2008-2009: Causes and Regulatory Responses**
- **1120 Current Events and Public Policy**
- **1410 Understanding Arthritis**
- **1640 Let's Practice Our German!**
- **1720 America's History in Words**
- **1800 Buddhist Philosophy**
- **1810 Medical Qigong**

July Shorts

- **911 Early Childhood Politics and Policies**
- **914 The Future of Public Education: An Unprecedented Political Crisis**
- **940 Creating a Local Healthy Ecosystem by Incorporating Native Plants Into Your Garden**
- **941 Introduction to the Cloud**
- **951 The Ethiopia Cross, Gateway to an Ancient Civilization**
- **953 A Decorative Arts Sampler**
- **955 The Seven "Rules" of Photography**
- **962 Memoir Bootcamp**
- **963 Let's Practice Our German!**

June Minis (June 5-30)

June Minis meet once a week for four weeks either online, in-person, or in a hybrid format. Members can be assigned up to three courses before the lottery for \$100. After the lottery, members can add a fourth class. **The June Minis lottery will be held on Monday, May 22.** Class assignment letters will be emailed the following day. The last day for course changes and refunds is Friday, June 9. **[Choose your lottery selections](#)** before Monday, May 22.

[View & Select June Minis Online](#)

[Download a Paper Form](#)

July Shorts (July 10-14)

July Shorts meet 2-5 times during the one week either online, in-person, or in a hybrid format. Members can be assigned up to three courses before the lottery for \$100. After the lottery, members can add more courses (as many as fit in their schedule!) **The July Shorts lottery will be held on Monday, June 26.** Class assignment letters will be emailed the following day. The last day for course changes and refunds is Friday, July 7. [Choose your lottery selections](#) before Monday, June 26.

[View & Select July Shorts Online](#)

[Download a Paper Form](#)

Stack Your July Shorts!

Many of the two-session [July Shorts](#) meet on **Thursday and Friday (July 13-14)** of the Shorts week. This allows some of the shorter two- and three- session courses to run concurrently in the same time slot instead of having them all start on Monday. We think this will be a great benefit to members, as **you can stack courses within the same time slot.** For example, if you want a course scheduled for July 10-12 (Mon-Wed) at 11:45 AM, you can add another that meets July 13-14 (Thu-Fri), also at 11:45 AM, instead of having to choose between the two.

The July Shorts lottery will still assign you up to three courses. However, after the lottery, for the first time ever, you will not be limited to four courses total and can add as many open courses as fit in your schedule!

Share OLLI With Your Friends and Family

Now is the time to tell your friends and family, near and far, that we invite them to join the OLLI experience this summer. OLLI at American University is one of 125 OLLIs around the country. Each is unique in course content and delivery, but all are dedicated to lifelong learning in their communities. Whether your friends explore our program or an [OLLI near them](#), they will be in for a treat by taking an OLLI class.

If someone you know would be interested in receiving our fall catalog later this summer, feel free to email us with their mailing information!

Welcome OLLI's Newest Staff Member: Amya Bertrand

I want to introduce you to OLLI's newest team member—Amya Bertrand. Amya has started with the OLLI team as our Administrative Coordinator. Earning her BA in Peace and Justice Studies and minor in creative writing, Amya first began working with nonprofits at age 15. With an organization based in her hometown of Saratoga Springs, Amya traveled to Uganda and assisted local schools around the country. During her time at Pace University, Amya worked with various education programs throughout Manhattan and Brooklyn teaching drama courses to elementary and junior-high aged

students. She now looks forward to exploring her love of education and nonprofit work further with OLLI. She likes to spend her free time with friends, hiking, and crocheting.

We are thrilled to have Amya join our team.

Tony Long
Executive Director

The Rewards of Being an SGR

It's temptation time again. The new June and July courses are open and can be viewed on the OLLI website. Now the question is how many courses would you like to take? As you register online or fill out a paper registration form, we urge you to check off the box volunteering to be a Study Group Representative (SGR) for one, or more, of your courses.

Shortly after the lottery for each session, we, as SGR Coordinators, contact those who have volunteered to confirm they will be an SGR for a particular class. If there are no volunteers for a class, we call members on the registrant list to ask if they'd be willing to serve in that role. We ourselves have volunteered to take on SGR duties for some of our own individual classes, and this experience has enriched our OLLI experience while providing backup assistance to the Study Group Leader.

SGR duties are light and rarely take more than a few minutes for each class session. Before the academic session starts, SGRs receive the contact information for the class and are welcome to send out an e-mail introducing themselves (no need to type in all those email addresses, as the office sends a link to e-mail the entire class). At each class session, the SGR makes any necessary announcements provided by the office in a folder (emailed to online class SGRs) and passes out the attendance sheet or has people check off their name as they arrive. The SGR also may serve as the class liaison with the OLLI office in case any issues arise.

Shortly before the end of the session, the SGR reminds class members to submit feedback online and to consider an optional donation/gift—also done online—to the Study Group Leader, who is teaching as a volunteer.

Serving as an SGR is an enjoyable experience and a new way to get to know classmates. We encourage you to consider taking on this role for OLLI.

- Janet Walker Chirlin and Elizabeth Taylor

Read for the Bloomsday Celebration

The 2023 OLLI Bloomsday Celebration will take place on Friday, June 16 at 1:30 PM online via Zoom (this is traditional since the novel *Ulysses* is deemed to have taken place on June 16, 1904). This year we will read some passages from Ernest Hemingway as well as James Joyce. The two used to be drinking companions in Paris and for a time had a mutual admiration society. If you would like to be a reader, please contact the event organizer, Bob Kolodney, at bobkolive@gmail.com. Although the reading will take place on Zoom, the cast party to which all will be invited, will take place in-person at an alcohol-friendly locale convenient to OLLI starting at about 5:00 PM.

SGL Appreciation Luncheon



This week we held an SGL Appreciation Luncheon for our February and spring Study Group Leaders. Marianne Soponis, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, did a fantastic job organizing and hosting this event for our very deserving SGLs. It was a treat to see new faces and reconnect with some of our seasoned SGLs, some of whom have been teaching with us for 20-plus years! We were delighted to have OLLI member Steve Cutts lead us in an OLLI-themed singalong. We also got to hear from our Board Chair, Dave Hensler, and our Executive Director, Tony Long, who expressed our infinite gratitude for the hard work SGLs do. We thank our SGLs for their generosity of time, talent, and passion—they are the heart of our OLLI at AU community.

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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