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June Minis Registration & Other Important Info

June Minis (June 5-30)

Take courses ranging from “Anatomy of a Murder” to “The Pleasures and Perils of AI in Society” or from “The Roberts Supreme Court: Recent Rulings, Politics, and Options for Reform” to “Leonard Bernstein: America’s Own Musical Genius” – these are just four of more than 55 highly affordable lifelong learning courses being held this June and July.

June Minis meet once a week for four weeks either online, in-person, or in a hybrid format. Now that the lottery has passed, members may register for up to four classes for \$100. There are still many open classes remaining (the status of each class is noted in the far right column on our website). **The last day for course changes and refunds is Friday, June 9.**

[Register for June Minis Online](#)

[Download a Paper Form](#)

Books

Most June Minis books are available through Politics and Prose book store at 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008. Politics and Prose offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books for study groups. Below is a list of June Minis books that are not available at Politics and Prose, are available only as pay-to-order, or are available without discount.

Class 1620: *The Bloody Chamber* - Available but will be an edition from PRH, not Harper

Class 1800: *The Questions of King Milinda, Vol. 1* - Not Available

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 (location code: 4889).

[View more information and a tutorial on how to use the app.](#)

Classroom Assignments

June Minis classroom assignments will be included in **next week's newsletter**. As always, there will also be signage in our building with room assignments.

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](#).

MY ACCOUNT

► My Account

Edit Account

Update Volunteer Interests

Text Messaging

Overview

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

MY JUNE MINIS 2023 STUDY GROUPS

Registration for June Minis 2023 Study Groups ends 6/9/2023

[View All Study Groups](#)

You may register for up to 4 study groups. You have 2 choices remaining.

Add a Study Group

Study Group	Status	I want to:
1140 : The Roberts Supreme Court: Recent Rulings, Politics, and Options for Reform Thursdays 9:45 — 11:15 AM Class Format: In-Person	Registered	Drop this class
1800 : Buddhist Philosophy Fridays 9:45 — 11:15 AM Class Format: In-Person	Registered	Drop this class
1120 : Current Events and Public Policy Wednesdays 9:45 — 11:15 AM Class Format: In-Person	Waitlisted	Remove myself from waitlist

Request Refund



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.](#)

In-Person Recordings

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!**

July Shorts are OPEN!

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!

Enslaved George Towne Tour

Juneteenth is a Federally declared holiday celebrated on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, enslaved people were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation. In commemoration of Juneteenth, Ed Ingebretsen will present:

Enslaved George Towne (1645-2023): A Walking Meditation

In-Person Walk with Ed Ingebretsen

Saturday, June 17

10:00-11:30 AM

Meeting Point: Outside of the former Dean & DeLuca (Potomac Street side) at 3276 M Street NW. The walk will conclude near the entrance to Georgetown University.

Established as a port city for the colony of Maryland, Georgetown was a hub not only for the tobacco trade, but also the slave trade. Taverns were the site of slave auctions and housed enslaved workers in basement pens.

Join us for a 90-minute walk through Georgetown, beginning at the 1796 site of the Old Georgetown market and exploring the history and commerce—including enslavement practices—of the Port of George Towne. We walk north on Wisconsin Avenue to Volta place and west to the front gates of Georgetown University. This archeology of memory considers selected sites, in order to understand how a history of enslavement—hidden, submerged, erased—persists to this day in Georgetown. One example: Georgetown's Healy Hall tower is iconic Georgetown tourism; it is also named after Patrick Healy, a (legally) black man who was known as Georgetown's "second founder." **Registration is limited to the first 40 people who sign up by 8:00 AM on Thursday, June 15th.**

[View More Information and Register](#)

Bloomsday Celebration

The 2023 OLLI Bloomsday Celebration will take place on Friday, June 16 at 1:30 PM online via Zoom (this date 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. In strikingly different ways each made significant contributions to modernist writing style. [Register to attend](#) in order to receive the Zoom link the morning of June 16. There is a separate website for the event [here](#). Our readers are:

- Robert Aubry Davis
- Marilyn Wong Gleysteen
- Richard Hoffman
- Bob Kolodney

- Steven Lamm
- Sandy Leibowitz
- Gail Lelyveld
- Mary Poole
- Barnaby Powell
- Daniel Sachs
- Susan Willens

The cast party, to which all are invited, will take place in-person at an alcohol-friendly locale convenient to OLLI starting at about 5:00 PM.

June Minis SGR Meeting

OLLI will be having a **meeting for June Minis SGRs on Friday, June 2, at 10:00AM, online via Zoom**. This meeting will explain the SGR duties in detail and be an opportunity to ask questions.

A meeting reminder and Zoom link will be given to SGRs once they're identified for the June Minis. **Please plan to attend if you have not already attended an SGR meeting since Covid**. The link is also available on the [events calendar](#) on the website. If you have any questions, please email the office at olli@american.edu.

Memorial Day Office Hours

We wish all our members and readers a very happy Memorial Day! The OLLI office will close at 12:00 PM today and will reopen on Tuesday, May 30.

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