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OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The OLLI office will be **closed on Monday, September 4** in observance of Labor Day, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 5.

STAFF WORKING REMOTELY

The OLLI staff will be working remotely **until September 13**. We are still reachable by email (olli@american.edu) and by the office phone (202-895-4860).

VOLUNTEER FROM HOME WITH OLLI!

Are you interested in volunteering with OLLI from the comfort of your own home? Below are open remote volunteer positions for our upcoming fall semester. Sign up [online](#) (you must be logged into your account) or contact the office at olli@american.edu with any further questions.

SGR Coordinator:

SGR Coordinators recruit Study Group Representatives (SGRs) for each class in a given academic session to ensure the classes run smoothly. Some Study Group Leaders select their own SGRs, but for the rest, SGR Coordinators are provided a list of members who have expressed interest in being SGR for each study group, or the attendance list if there are no volunteers. Coordinators then call members before classes start in order to find an SGR for each study group. For the upcoming fall semester, SGR Coordinators will begin making calls after the lottery (September 8th). This role operates on a continuous basis, so if you are unavailable for fall, but are interested in February or spring, please let us know!

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is now OPEN on the OLLI website for the fall semester (September 26–December 8). Classes are offered online, in-person, and hybrid. In the catalog, each course description lists the format and whether or not the class will be recorded. Courses meet for a varying length of time (see each study group for the number of weeks). The membership fee (\$300 for the semester or \$550 for both fall and spring) allows you to sign up for three courses before the lottery. After the lottery, when you have received your class assignment letter, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account. **Make sure to register before the fall lottery on Friday, September 8.**

IN-PERSON RECORDINGS

For the first time ever, **many in-person fall courses will be recorded** and posted on our website. The recordings will be available **only to members registered for the fall semester**. If an in-person class is being recorded, it is noted in the course description. Each day's recordings are added to the website the following business day. **Please note that whether or not a class is recorded is determined by Study Group Leaders' preferences and the office.**

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

FALL CATALOG CHANGES

Below are changes made to classes after the catalog went to print. Class changes are also available on the [fall catalog changes](#) page of the OLLI website and are updated as they occur.

145 AI—Are We Riding a Tiger?: This study group will now begin October 16th.

163 The Grey Zone of War: This study group will now begin October 6th.

250 TED Talks: This study group has been extended to nine weeks.

441 Technologies That Make Life Better: This study group is NOT being recorded.

560 Learning to Look at Ballet: This study group is NOT being recorded.

574 Writing Film/TV Scripts Part 1: This study group will now begin October 6th.

613 Latin for Developing Translators: This study group will now meet on Wednesdays at 11:45 AM.

615 Deutsch fuer Fortgeschrittene: This study group has an UPDATED DESCRIPTION online.

622 Memoir Bootcamp - Part 2: This class is listed online but does not appear in the printed catalog.

640 Jesus was a Jew: Jewish Poets on Jewish Traditions: This class is listed online but does not appear in the printed catalog.

649 The Trojan War in Story and History: The Iliad is now a recommended book. For those wanting to buy a new edition, the Stephen Mitchell translation is recommended.

681 What's New in the Short Story: The required reading The Best American Short Stories is by Andrew Sean Greer with the ISBN 978-0358664710.

699 The Short Stories of O. Henry and Damon Runyon: Sandy Leibowitz is now a Co-SGL of this study group.

708 How Herodotus and Thucydides Composed and Delivered Their Histories: This study group has been CANCELLED.

733 The American Civil War and the Destruction of Slavery: The recommended book, Freedom National: The Destruction of American Slavery in the United States, 1861-1865, is now required.

764 The "Eastern Question:" Dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire and Its Legacies, 1800-Present: This study group has been CANCELLED.

EVENTS



C-SPAN AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PRIMETIME BOOK SERIES

Live on C-SPAN

10 Mondays starting September 18 | 9:00 PM

C-SPAN and the Library of Congress announced a joint original feature production for fall 2023: "Books That Shaped America." The 10-part series will be a literary journey, tracing America's history by exploring masterpieces in literature that have had, and still have today, a major impact on society. The 10-week series will mark the various eras of American history and feature a diverse mix of stories and authors. The 10 featured books have:

- Provoked thought.
- Been best sellers.
- Led to significant cultural and policy changes.

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SERENDIPITY TALK

Dan Moskowitz, Ira Without George: The Rest of Ira Gershwin's Heritage of Songs

Wednesday, September 13 | 2:30-4:00 PM

Online

Ira Gershwin is known as the lyricist who turned brother George's catchy tunes into the songs that are standard entries in the American Songbook. But less appreciated is the work he did with other composers. We will discuss the context of those other songs and listen to some two dozen songs he wrote with Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, Kurt Weill, Aaron Copeland, Burton Lane, Vernon Duke, Vincent Youmans and Harry Warren as performed by, among others, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Judy Garland, Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Julie Andrews, Lena Horne, Audra MacDonald, Dinah Shore, Mel Tormé, and Ira himself. **No registration required.**

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SERENDIPITY TALK

Dahlia Lithwick, Lady Justice: Women, the Law, and the Battle to Save America

Thursday, September 21 | 3:00-4:00 PM

Online and can be viewed online in Room A at OLLI (seating limited)

Dahlia Lithwick is the nationally known Senior Editor covering the Supreme Court and all things legal for the online magazine Slate. Her award-winning book, *Lady Justice: Women, the Law, and the Battle to Save America*, will be coming out in paperback on September 19, 2023. Dahlia will talk about the famous, and not so famous but still important, women who she profiles in her book and the crucial contributions they made to American law and justice. **No registration required.**

Information will follow about a wine and cheese event that will be held immediately following this talk.

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Alliance for New Music-Theater

Live & About - Fall 2023 Season | OLLI at American University

Alliance for New Music-Theatre is pleased to announce that they are re-launching their **“Live & About”** series this Fall, in collaboration with **OLLI at AU**, for an eclectic program with outings to four different productions in the DC area.

“Live & About” is an outreach and community engagement series representing different Washington, DC theatre companies and shows across the spectrum of music-theatre. Participants will enjoy the experience of attending performances as a group, expanding their appetites and critical appreciation for new forms, and supporting a variety of large and smaller music-theatre companies in our nation’s capital. After each show, they will have the opportunity to deepen their experience by engaging with other group members in an informal gathering and discussion to understand the deeper intentions of the show’s creators.

Please contact Duane Gelderloos at duane.gelderloos@newmusictheatre.org with any questions.

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AU EVENTS



AU CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES CONFERENCE

A Nation Torn: Recognizing the Gaps & Building Bridges in Israel's Society

Sunday, September 10 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Monday, September 11 | All Day

American University East Campus, Constitution Hall, 3501 Nebrasaka Ave. In-Person

Please join us as we bring together scholars, writers, and activists who are analyzing the gaps in Israeli society and working to build bridges across these divides that at times seem insurmountable. These divides are reflected in the rift over Israel’s judicial overhaul plan, resulting in street demonstrations by hundreds of thousands of protesters every Saturday night since January 7 and lasting for almost eight months. Questions?

Laura Cutler, cutler@american.edu.

For more info and registration link: [A Nation Torn: Recognizing the Gaps and Building Bridges in Israel's Society | Washington, DC | American University, Washington, DC](#)

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OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that curiosity never retires.

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