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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

FALL SEMESTER INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

There is still **plenty of time to register for the fall semester** (September 26–December 8) or add another

class! You can see the status of each (open or closed) on the OLLI website. 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. Now that the lottery has passed, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account. Please note that whether a class is recorded is subject to change based on SGL preferences and office capacity. The deadline to add/drop classes and request a refund is **Friday, October 6**.

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

FALL BOOKS

Most fall semester 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 courses. Below is a list of fall semester books that are not available at Politics and Prose, are available only as pay-to-order, or are available but without discount.

NOT available:

- 567** The Evolution of High Civilization in Mesoamerica: Buried Mirror
- 601** Étude des Différents Aspects de la Culture Française Quotidienne: La France au quotidien
- 645** Contemporary Jewish Short Stories in Context: Three Floors Up
- 801** Islam: Essentials, History, Spirituality: Living Religions and Toward a Global Civilization

Pay-to-order (and no discount):

- 113** The Fate of the American Republic: The Federalist and American Politics
- 182** Overcoming the Social Divide: Learning from the History of American Race Relations: American Race Relations
- 200** Neuroscience of Conflict: Making Peace
- 244** Survivors and Descendants of the Holocaust: A Search for Meaning: Why the Germans? Why the Jews? Envy, Race, Hatred and the Prehistory of the Holocaust
- 861** Peirce and James: The Will to Believe and Philosophical Writings of Peirce

Other books with no discount:

- 567** The Evolution of High Civilization in Mesoamerica: Many Mexicos
- 672** Anglo-Saxon England: Literature and Manuscripts: Word Exchange
- 729** The American Revolution and Civil War in Our National Park System: The Centennial: A Journey Through America's National Park System
- 778** A Generosity of Spirit, A Generosity of Mind: Abraham Lincoln, Abolition President: Prelude to Greatness
- 801** Islam: Essentials, History, Spirituality: People of the Book and Islam Authoritarianism Underdevelopment

Only available on Amazon:

- 480** The Ups and Downs of Weather: The Ups and Downs of Weather: An Introduction to Meteorology
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FALL CATALOG CHANGES

Below are **the most recent changes made** to classes. Please go to the [fall catalog changes](#) page of the OLLI website to view a comprehensive list.

501 Beginning/Intermediate Folk Guitar: This study group has been CANCELLED.

613 Latin for Developing Translators: This study group will now meet on Wednesdays at 11:45 AM starting on October 4.

640 Jesus was a Jew: Jewish Poets on Jewish Traditions: 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.

741 Race in America: Civil War to WWI: This study group will now begin on October 6th.

[VIEW ALL FALL CATALOG CHANGES](#)

VOLUNTEER FROM HOME WITH OLLI!

VIRTUAL ROOM MONITOR

An integral part of our online programming is having Virtual Room Monitors (VRMs) to assist some of our instructors with their Zoom classes. This fall, we will need as many as 22 VRMs, and we are looking for volunteers to supplement our AU interns. A basic understanding of Zoom is required. Please contact olli@american.edu if you are interested in being a Virtual Room Monitor this semester.

Note: All VRMs must be registered for the fall semester.

JOIN THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

OLLI's Curriculum Committee is looking for an OLLI member with a background/interest in the arts (art history, studio art, movies, ballet, etc.) who has an interest in joining the committee. This person would oversee "The Arts" subject area.

The Curriculum Committee is responsible for OLLI's core mission of providing members with the highest caliber of courses. Committee members plan and review the academic programming for fall, spring, and February Shorts; recruit study group leaders; and solicit proposals in their subject area. Members attend six meetings a year (from Sept-May) and work outside of meetings on study group leader recruitment.

An orientation is provided for new committee members. If you're interested in being considered for this volunteer role, or have any questions, please e-mail olli@american.edu.

FALL SGR MEETING

OLLI will be having a meeting for Fall SGRs on **Friday, September 22nd, at 11:00AM**, 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 sent to SGRs once they're identified for the Fall semester. 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.

SUMMER COURSES ARE IN THE DIGITAL LIBRARY

A selection of our 2023 June Mini and July Shorts are now available for viewing in the Digital Library. Please note that in order to incorporate closed captions, we did not edit down the videos. To view the start of the class, fast-forward approximately 20 minutes as you would when viewing recordings during an academic session. To enable closed captions, click the "CC" icon to the far right of the play button and select "English

[GO TO THE DIGITAL LIBRARY](#)

LECTURES

FALL LECTURE SERIES

We are excited to announce the speakers for our upcoming lecture series! **Reservations are required to attend in-person lectures.** Registration will open at 10:00 AM on the Friday prior to the lecture. Registration is via an event on the [OLLI website events calendar](#). The direct registration link will be included in the Friday newsletter the week prior to each lecture. Lectures are free and open to the public, but you must have an OLLI account to register. If you do not have one, you can create an account when going to register. Each registrant may reserve one seat. Your name must be on the list of registrants to enter the lecture and you must be in your seat five minutes before the lecture starts to guarantee your seat. **Fall lectures will be 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.**



Stanley Thurston, Music Industry: Entrepreneurship and Creativity

September 29 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-person at OLLI

Stanley J. Thurston is the founding Artistic Director of The Heritage Signature Chorale. He has appeared as conductor in concert venues including Carnegie Hall, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the US Capitol, the Music Center at Strathmore, Carter Barron, DAR Constitution Hall, Arena Stage, the Washington National Cathedral, and other venues. He has appeared as guest conductor with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra, and many other orchestras. Choruses under his direction have also performed with the National Symphony and many other orchestras. Thurston is well known as a pianist, composer, and arranger of extraordinary range and depth.



Marion Ein Lewin, *Inseparable: My Family's Holocaust Journey*

October 6 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Marion Ein Lewin, born in Holland, survived the concentration camp Bergen Belsen together with her parents and her twin brother. One of a handful of families who survived the Holocaust intact, they arrived in New York City in 1947. Marion and Steven, then age 9, had never been to school and were placed in kindergarten. Every few weeks the twins proceeded to the next grade until they finally caught up with their proper class. Today Marion and her brother, according to all available data, are the only surviving twins of the Holocaust.

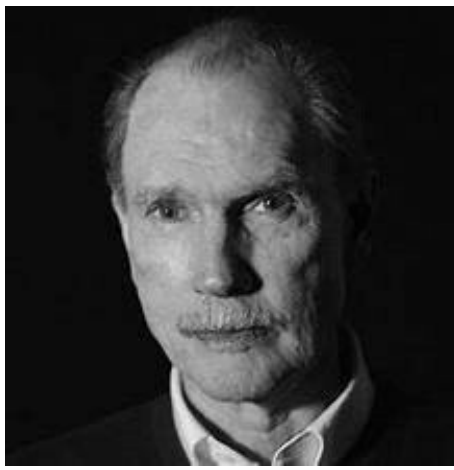


Nadine Farid Johnson, *Book Banning in the United States and Abroad*

October 13 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Nadine Farid Johnson is Managing Director of PEN America Washington and Free Expression Programs. She spearheads PEN America's engagement with the US government on free expression issues in the US and around the globe, focusing on foreign policy, tech policy, privacy, and educational censorship. She is the co-author of PEN America's seminal report on school book bans, "[Banned in the USA: The Growing Movement to Censor Books in Schools](#)" (2022). She is also co-author of PEN America's "[Speech in the Machine: Generative AI's Implications for Free Expression](#)" (2023). Her commentary has appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, and other publications, and she has appeared on outlets including PBS and CNN International.



Rev. Joe Eldridge, “Progressive Evangelical” Is Not an Oxymoron

October 27 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Joe Eldridge was Executive Director of the Washington Office on Latin America from 1974 to 1986 and is a Senior Fellow there now. At American University he was the University Chaplain, director of the Kay Spiritual Life Center, adjunct faculty at AU’s School of International Service, founder of the university’s Alternative Break program, helped launch both the university’s Human Rights Film Series, and holds an MA in Social Enterprise.



James Johnston, James Alexander Simpson and the Early American Portrait Painters

November 3 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Jim Johnston is a lawyer, writer, and lecturer in Washington, DC. His writings have appeared in such diverse publications as The New York Times, Muslim World, The Washington Post, White House History Magazine, The Howard Law Journal, and The American Lawyer magazine. He has written three books: From Slave Ship to Harvard, Yarrow Mamout and the History of an African American Family; Murder, Inc., The CIA under John F. Kennedy; and The Recollections of Margaret Loughborough, A Southern Woman’s Memories of Richmond VA and Washington DC during the Civil War.



Anne “Dede” Neal Petri, Frederick Law Olmsted and His Parks

November 10 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Anne “Dede” Neal Petri is the President/CEO of the National Association for Olmsted Parks (NAOP), the only national organization dedicated solely to advancing the life and legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted and the

Olmsted Firms. Before coming to NAOP, she was the 42nd president of The Garden Club of America. In 1995, she co-founded the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), a non-profit dedicated to higher education, serving as president from 2003 to 2016.

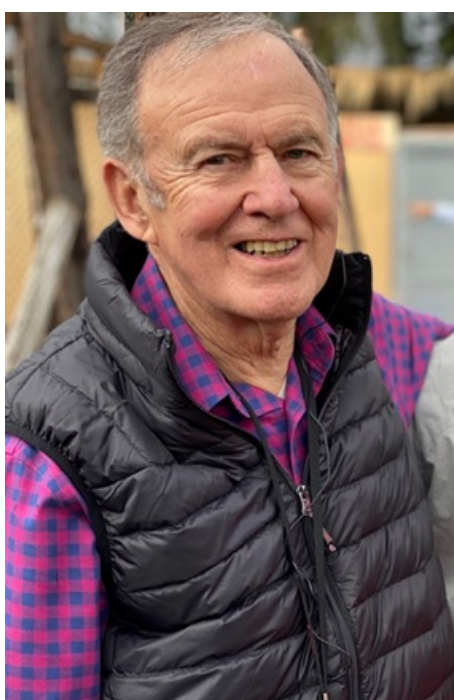


Judge Thomas Hogan, The January 6 Cases: A Trial Judge’s Perspective

November 17 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Judge Thomas F. Hogan served as a federal judge on the US District Court for the District of Columbia from August 1982 until February 2023, when he took inactive senior status. He served as Chief Judge of the Court from 2001 until 2008.



David Patterson, The Pinchots: A Family Saga

December 1 | 1:30-2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

David Patterson’s career includes teaching American history courses at major universities and his chief editorship of the longstanding US Department of State series, Foreign Relations of the United States. The Pinchots is an outgrowth of his concerns about global environmental challenges, which Gifford Pinchot early confronted, and his interest in Amos Pinchot’s commitment to civil liberties and peace. He is the author of two previously well received books, *Toward a Warless World: The Travail of the American Peace Movement, 1887-1914* and *The Search for Negotiated Peace: Women’s Activism and Citizen Diplomacy in World War I*. David received his BA from Yale University and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. He and his wife live in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE SPEAKERS](#)



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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.**

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Join us in the lobby outside Room A for a Wine and Cheese Welcomer immediately following this talk. See more information below.



WINE AND CHEESE WELCOMER

Thursday, September 21, 2023 | 4:00-5:30 PM

Location: Spring Valley Lobby, 1st Floor, at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

No Fee; Registration Required

Join us for an in-person wine and cheese welcome event on Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 4:00-5:30 PM, at the Spring Valley Lobby located on the 1st floor of the OLLI building (4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW). OLLI is kicking off our fall semester by welcoming members immediately following a Serendipity! talk by Dahlia Lithwick (see more above) that will be held online through Zoom and can be viewed in OLLI Room A. Refreshments will be served. Attendance is limited to the first 125 members that register. We look forward to seeing you.

[REGISTER](#)

JOIN THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

OLLI is looking for volunteers for the Social Committee to help with planning social functions during each session and lending your skills and expertise to finding ways to help members engage with one another. For those interested, a meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 19th at 11:00 AM located in the OLLI Social Space on the 5th Floor**. Please RSVP if you can attend to olli@american.edu.

AU EVENTS

AU MUSEUM

Fall Hours: Wednesday–Sunday, 11:00–4:00

September 9–December 10

AU ARTS

Art All Night

Saturday, September 30 | 7:00–10:00 PM

Tenleytown, Washington DC

Come see American University's visual and performing arts in action as part of Tenleytown Main Street's [Art All Night](#). Visit the AU Museum at the Katzen Arts Center after dark to explore [five new exhibitions](#). Meet AU's studio art MFA artists during open studios and see their work. Explore the Group 93 exhibition on view in the Katzen Rotunda. Plus, see a site-specific performance at 8 p.m. on the site of Elyn Zimmerman's monumental sculpture Sudama, recently gifted to the AU Museum from the National Geographic Society. Parking is free at the Katzen Arts Center after 5 p.m., and all events are free.

Plus: Head into Tenleytown to see our Singer-Songwriters' Hub perform at Guapo's (7:15–8:15 p.m) and our student acapella group Pitches Be Trippin' in Jackson-Reed High School's gym (7:30-8 p.m. and 8:30-9 p.m.)!

See the full [schedule](#).

The 2023 Feminist Art History Conference

September 29–October 1

Online Panels & In-Person at the Katzen Arts Center/Livestreamed Keynotes

An international conference advancing feminist art, artists, methods, and research from American University's Art History program. Established in 2010 to celebrate and build on the feminist art-historical scholarship and pedagogy of Professors Emeriti Norma Broude and Mary D. Garrard, the Feminist Art History Conference is currently in its eighth iteration.

Full conference registration (\$75 General Public/\$30 Student) includes all panels and panel Q&As, both Keynote speeches, and a curator-led tour of "Making Her Mark: A History of Women Artists in Europe, 1400-1800 at the Baltimore Museum of Art (optional).

Tickets: <https://www.american.edu/cas/art-history/fahc/>

[VIEW ALL AU ARTS FALL PRODUCTIONS](#)

Free for AU students with ID; \$10 for alumni, staff, children (under 18), faculty, and senior citizens (55 and older); \$15 general public.

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VOLUNTEER WITH THE YOUNG CENTER

The Young Center is a champion for the best interests of children who arrive in the United States on their own, from all corners of the world. We serve as trusted allies for these children while they are in deportation proceedings, advocating for their best interests, and standing for the creation of a dedicated children's immigrant justice system that ensures the safety and well-being of every child.

What our volunteers do:

Volunteers meet regularly with a child in detention to form a connection and get to know their story. Volunteers then collaborate directly with attorneys and social workers to determine the best interests of the children and to advocate for those interests.

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