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# Newsletter



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## UPDATES



## WELCOME BACK, LESLEY!

We are thrilled to welcome back our Director of Academic Programming, Lesley Diaz, after being out on maternity leave. She and her husband adopted a baby girl from Texas in June. If you see Lesley around, be sure to welcome her back and say hello!

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

### FALL SEMESTER REMINDERS: REGISTRATION

The **fall semester begins on Tuesday, September 26**, but there is still plenty of time to register 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**.

Please make sure to **attend your registered classes** and arrive **on time** each day, as SGLs spend a prodigious amount of time preparing their classes for members.

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

### 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.

[MORE INFO AND TUTORIAL](#)



### HEARING LOOPS

All of the classrooms at OLLI have "hearing loops" installed, which 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.

[MORE INFO](#)

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

[VIDEO TUTORIAL](#)

### KEEP ZOOM UP TO DATE

Please be sure **Zoom is up-to-date** on your device **before the start of your online class**. Zoom enforces their lifecycle policy every three months. You will not be able to log into your online class if it is not updated. You can update and download Zoom [here](#).

### ACCESS CLASS RECORDINGS

Many classes of all formats are being recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all class recordings for that session. [Fall 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 **the following business day**. 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.**

## 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

### 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

### 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

**Only available on Amazon:**

**480** The Ups and Downs of Weather: The Ups and Downs of Weather: An Introduction to Meteorology

## 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 CATALOG CHANGES](#)

## VOLUNTEER FROM HOME WITH OLLI!

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](mailto: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.**

## CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

The classroom information below will also be on signs in each elevator lobby of the parking garage, in the main lobby on the 1st floor, and as you walk out of the elevator on the 5th floor. **Room A is on the 1st floor. Rooms 1 through 6, the Social Space, and the OLLI Office are on the 5th floor.**

## MONDAY 9:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- 2 Memoir Bootcamp - Part 2
- 3 The Founding Fathers...
- 5 One Act Operas
- 6 Medical Qigong

## MONDAY 11:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- A Moral Courage...
- 3 Islam: Essentials, History, Spirituality (10/9)
- 5 Understanding Families...
- 6 Partez à la Découverte du Maroc

## MONDAY 1:45 PM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- A Schubert and Mendelssohn...
- 2 Cours de Lecture... en Français
- 3 Civilizations: Why and How They Rise, Fall, and Disappear
- 5 AI—Are We Riding a Tiger? (10/16)
- 6 Water... (Isn't) Everywhere

## TUESDAY 9:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- 1 Poetry Craftshop...
- 3 Survivors and Descendants of the Holocaust...
- 5 Navegando con la Literatura del Caribe

## TUESDAY 11:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- A A Deeper Dive Into Lesser Knowns
- 3 Anglo-Saxon England: Literature and Manuscripts
- 5 Why You Should Like Victorian Furniture

## TUESDAY 1:45 PM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- A Art Fraud
- 3 Current Events... II
- 5 Today's Supreme Court...
- 6 All About Greece, Greeks, and Greek Literature...

## WEDNESDAY 9:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- 2 Genealogy: Hopping the Pond
- 3 Current Events... I
- 5 19th-Century Fiction
- 6 Climate Policies...

## WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- A Contemporary... Medical Ethics
- 1 Étude des Différents Aspects de la Culture Française...
- 2 Learning German
- 3 Looking at Architecture
- 4 Latin for...Translators
- 5 The Fate of the American Republic
- 6 How Can So Many Banks Lose So Much Money?

## WEDNESDAY 1:45 PM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- 3 Intermediate Italian
- 5 Neuroscience of Conflict
- 6 Understanding Addiction

## THURSDAY 9:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- 3 How Literature and Drama Can Illuminate Politics...
- 5 "Big Tech" Antitrust Enforcement...

## THURSDAY 11:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- A More Asian Films...
- 3 The Novels of Jane Austen
- 5 Crime and Punishment...
- 6 The... Rise and Fall... of Disco

## THURSDAY 1:45 PM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- A Learning to Look at Ballet (10/5)
- 1 Making Choices... Environmental Issues
- 2 The Art... of Korean Dramas
- 3 Origin and Evolution of the English Language (10/5)
- 5 Technologies That Make Life Better
- 6 Shakespeare's Comedies

## FRIDAY 9:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- A Travels With OLLI
- 3 Race in America: Civil War to WWI (10/6)
- 5 Classical Indian Philosophy
- 6 Meditation Class

## FRIDAY 11:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

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- A Film Genres and Gender
- 2 Science and Public Policy
- 3 "Myth America": Selected Legends and Lies in US History
- 5 Peirce and James
- 6 Thurgood Marshall... (10/6)

## LECTURES

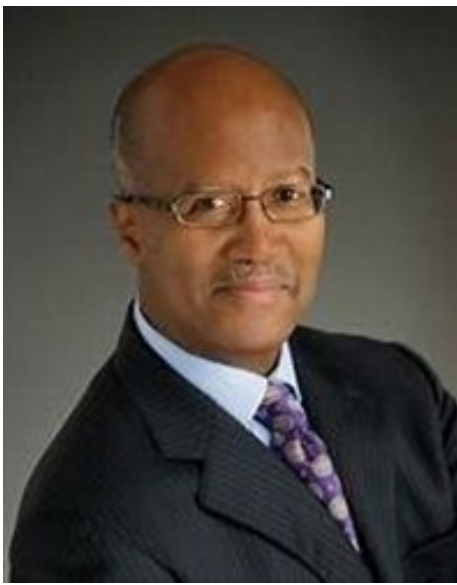
**Lectures are on Fridays from 1:30–2:30 PM in Room A. Registration is required for in-person lectures.**

## LECTURES

### NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

**Reservations are required to attend in-person lectures.** Registration is open via the direct link below or the event on the [OLLI website events calendar](#). 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 up to two seats. 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.**





### **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.

**REGISTER**

## **OLLI HAPPENINGS**



### **WINE AND CHEESE WELCOMER**

Yesterday evening, we held a wine and cheese welcomer event immediately following a Serendipity Talk by Dalia Lithwick. As always, we enjoyed mingling with both long-time OLLI members and newcomers to our program. It was a great way to kick off the fall semester, which starts next week! We extend our gratitude to Jeff Porter and the Social Committee for organizing this event.

## **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.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **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.

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

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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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