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STAFF WORKING REMOTELY

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

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. 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.

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](#)

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. A minimum of one committee member is assigned to each area of the curriculum.

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.

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 (auto-generated) CC."

[GO TO THE DIGITAL LIBRARY](#)

EVENTS



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.**

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



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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 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](#)

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University is an association of, by, and for the people in the Washington, DC area who wish to continue to study and learn.

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

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