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HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The OLLI Office is **closed on Monday, January 15** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The office will re-open the following day.

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OLLI AT AU

We know that most of our members come to us thanks to recommendations by their friends. Please help us grow our community by posting the below on Facebook and your local listservs:

February and Spring Courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at AU

Join us at OLLI at American University, a community that embraces curiosity and lifelong learning, for our upcoming February and spring academic sessions. Members "50 and better" gather to enjoy a wide array of courses ranging from politics to poetry, including music, art, science, history, literature, philosophy, and more. Enjoy the flexibility of both online and in-person classes and recordings, as well as a weekly lecture series and social events. **Registration for both our February Shorts and our spring semester is open.** Visit oli-dc.org for more information.

STAFF WORKING REMOTELY

The OLLI staff is currently working remotely. We can still be reached by email at olli@american.edu or by phone at 202-895-4860. **We will be back in the office starting Wednesday, January 17.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The February Shorts and spring semester registration is open! OLLI is continuing to offer classes in three formats: **in-person**, **online**, and **hybrid**. The format for each course is listed online and in the print catalog. When registering for a hybrid class, you must select whether you want to attend in-person (hybrid in-person) or online (hybrid online). List both formats if the class is a priority and you're willing to attend either format. You can prioritize up to 12 classes for the lottery. As always, the lottery will then assign you to up to three classes.

FEBRUARY SHORTS

The February Shorts will be held for two weeks: February 5-9 and 12-16. Each Short course runs for 2-5 days during one of the two weeks. You may register for up to three courses in the lottery for the \$100 fee. **Your courses do not have to be all within the same week. After the lottery, once you receive your class assignment letter, you can add additional courses—as many open courses as fit in your schedule—by logging into your OLLI account!** To take more courses, you can even stack several within the same time slot. For example, if you have a course scheduled for February 5-7 (Mon-Wed) at 11:45 AM, you can add another that meets February 8-9 (Thu-Fri), also at 11:45 AM, instead of having to choose between the two.

Make sure to register before the February Shorts lottery on Thursday, January 18.

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

SPRING SEMESTER

The spring semester is March 4-May 10. Courses meet for a varying length of time (see each study group for the number of weeks). The membership fee remains \$300 and hasn't been increased since fall 2017; the fee allows you to sign up for three courses in 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 spring lottery on Tuesday, February 20.

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

CATALOG CHANGES

Below are changes made to classes after the catalog went to print. Class changes

are also available on the [spring catalog changes](#) page of the OLLI website and are updated as they occur.

- **681 *What's New in the Essay***: This study group will now have ***The Best American Essays 2023*** by Vivian Gornick with ISBN: 978-0063288843 as a required reading.
- **788 *Fateful Documents***: This study group will now meet IN-PERSON.

EVENTS



WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

Monday, January 29

In-Person Tour | 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Registration Required; Tickets \$30/person

Join us for a fascinating behind-the-scenes private tour of Washington National Cathedral. This is their most popular guided tour! Discover the Cathedral's hidden stories as you marvel at the building's artistry and engineering. Journey through stone stairwells and passageways to see stained glass windows up close. Step out secret doors to witness magnificent views from the heights.

Note: this tour is not for those with fear of heights or those with limited mobility. Be prepared for close quarters, stair climbing, and heights.

Registration is limited to the first 15 people that sign up. Ticket price is \$30/person for this event. This event will occur regardless of rainy weather. Tickets are non-refundable.

[MORE INFO & REGISTER](#)



MOZART CELEBRATION

January 26 | 1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI in Room A

Join City Choir's Artistic Director Erin Freeman and singers from the 2023 Wolf Trap Opera Studio for a Mozart celebration! Erin Freeman will take you behind the scenes of the monumental C minor mass, an epic opera-meets-chorus masterpiece. You'll also be treated to a few Mozart arias performed by the soloists for City Choir's January performance - rising stars of the opera world trained most recently at Wolf Trap Opera, and hand selected by Erin Freeman and Arianna Zukerman. There will be a Q and A after the performances, followed by a reception. **Registration is required.**

REGISTER

LECTURES

LOCATION

January lectures will be held **online via Zoom Webinar** from **10:00-11:00 AM**.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are not required for any online lectures We will send the Zoom link the morning of each lecture to those subscribed to the newsletter.

RECORDINGS

To view the recordings of last week's lectures, click [here](#) or go to olli-dc.org and go to Lectures/Events, Lectures, and then Lecture Recordings.



NEXT WEEK'S LECTURES

Keith Wiley, *Demographic Change, Economic Distress, and Uncertain Times: A Closer Look at the Data*

Tuesday, January 16 | 10:00-11:00 AM

Online

Keith Wiley, Senior Research Associate at the Housing Assistance Council, is a main author of *Taking Stock*, HAC's report on poverty in the US. He has worked extensively with many datasets in an effort to better understand where, when, and how development patterns occur. As part of these efforts, Keith has authored a recent article in the *Journal of Housing Policy Debate*, entitled "The Role of the CDBG Program in Rural America" and has written several reports analyzing rural lending activities. He also coauthored both a book chapter in *The Oxford Handbook of Urban Economics and Planning* and a "Resources for the Future" discussion paper exploring residential infill. Keith holds a master's degree in public policy from American University and a PhD in Public Policy from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.



Maureen Corrigan, *Banned in the USA*

Friday, January 19 | 10:00-11:00 AM

Online

Maureen Corrigan is The Nicky and Jamie Grant Distinguished Professor of the Practice in Literary Criticism at Georgetown University. She is an associate editor of and contributor to *Mystery and Suspense Writers* (Scribner) and the winner of the 1999 Edgar Award for Criticism, presented by the Mystery Writers of America. In 2019, Corrigan was

awarded the Nona Balakian Citation for Excellence in Reviewing by the National Book Critics Circle. Corrigan served as a juror for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction. She is the author of *So We Read On: How the Great Gatsby Came To Be and Why It Endures* (Little, Brown, 2014). Corrigan's literary memoir, *Leave Me Alone, I'm Reading!* was published in 2005. Corrigan is also a reviewer and columnist for National Public Radio and *The Washington Post*. In addition to serving on the advisory panel of *The American Heritage Dictionary*, she has chaired the Mystery and Suspense judges' panel of the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize.

AU EVENTS



Amos Perlmutter Memorial Lecture

“Challenges of the Free World in Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East”

Delivered by *Natan Sharansky*

Monday, January 29 | 7:30 PM ET | Constitution Hall

RSVP: american.swoogo.com/Perlmutter2024

Born in Donetsk, Ukraine when it was part of the USSR, Mr. Sharansky was a leading Soviet dissident and Human Rights activist.

He was imprisoned by the Soviets and sentenced to thirteen years of forced labor. Following a series of hunger strikes while in prison, and an international Human Rights campaign to win his freedom, he was released in 1986 in an international prisoner exchange. After his release he moved to Israel, was involved in the Human Rights campaign that helped facilitate the collapse of the Soviet Union, served in the Israeli Knesset and was twice a Minister in the Government of Israel.

An author of three books, Mr. Sharansky will speak about the “Challenges of the Free World in Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East.”



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University

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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