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REGISTRATION

There is still **plenty of time to register for the spring semester** (March 4–May 10) or add another class! You can see the status of each (open or closed) on the OLLI website. The membership fee remains \$300 and hasn't been increased since fall 2017; the fee 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 based on SGL preferences and office capacity.

The deadline to add/drop classes and request a refund is March 15.

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

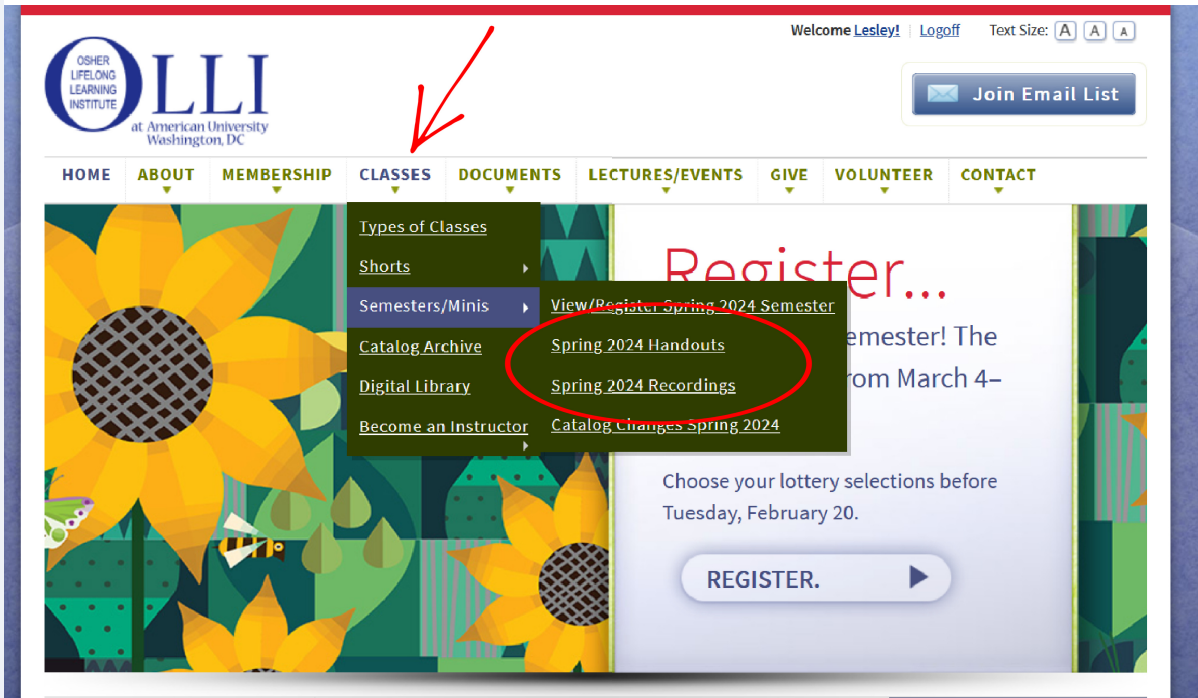
PARKING

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](#)

CLASS HANDOUTS & RECORDINGS

Most classes during the spring semester will be recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all class recordings for that session. [Spring recordings](#), as well as [spring handouts](#), are listed under "Classes," then "Semesters/Minis" (see image below). Each day's recordings during the semester are posted the following business day. You must first [log in to your member account](#) in order to view the recordings. Recordings are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of each session.



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 (see image below). 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. [View a video tutorial.](#)

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

MY ACCOUNT

[My Account](#)

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Overview

Thank you for choosing your lottery selections. You'll find a summary of your study groups below. If you'd like to volunteer with OLLI, please [update your volunteer interests](#).

MY SPRING 2024 STUDY GROUPS

Registration for Spring 2024 Study Groups ends 3/15/2024

[View All Study Groups](#)

You may register for up to 4 study groups. You have 2 choices remaining.

[Add a Study Group](#)

Click on
Zoom link
here

Study Group	Status	I want to:
137: Church and State Under the Constitution and the Courts Thursdays 1:45 — 3:15 PM Class Format: In-Person	Registered	Drop this class
156: AU School of International Service—Foreign Policy Challenges for the Year Ahead Thursdays 9:45 — 11:15 AM Class Format: Online Zoom URL: https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/92026397468?pwd=WnJLZ3hKR0tYaVJicWlqK1lRZlIXUT09	Registered	Drop this class

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Below are the locations of each in-person or hybrid spring study group. Room A is on the first floor. All other rooms and the office are on the fifth floor. There will be signs with this same information in each elevator lobby on the first and fifth floors.

MONDAY 9:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** Color Theory
- 3** Slavery and the Growth of the Nation
- 4** Memoir Bootcamp
- 5** Greek Tragedy
- 6** Meditation Class

MONDAY 11:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** 20th-Century Modernist Architects
- 3** She Who Must Be Obeyed
- 5** Introduction to Cell Biology

MONDAY 1:45 PM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** English Composers
- 1** Sound Revolutions
- 2** Practical Primary Care Medicine
- 3** Understanding Families
- 4** Cours de Lecture et Conversation
- 5** Neuroscience of Conflict
- 6** Shakespeare by Barker

TUESDAY 9:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

- 1** Poetry Craftshop
- A** Beginning/Intermediate Folk Guitar
- 3** War and Remembrance: Flim

TUESDAY 11:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** Pivotal US Presidential Elections
- 2** American Colonial...Furniture
- 3** A Cinematic Look at America in the Fifties
- 5** Off the Beaten Path in the DC Area
- 6** Intermediate German

TUESDAY 1:45 PM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** The Impact of the Great War
- 2** Fiction Writers' Bootcamp
- 3** Current Events and Public Policy II
- 4** Understanding Addiction
- 5** Today's Supreme Court
- 6** The Silent Clowns

WEDNESDAY 9:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** AI and Machine Learning
- 1** Jewish History: Patriarchs to Israel
- 2** How Do Banks Lose So Much Money?
- 3** Current Events and Public Policy I
- 5** After the War, II
- 6** How to Live Healthier, Happier...

WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** China's Early History
- 3** Race and Sexuality
- 4** Latin for Developing Translators
- 5** Étude de la Culture Quotidienne Française
- 6** Fateful Documents

WEDNESDAY 1:45 PM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** Washington Color Painters
- 3** Conflict Resolution, Justice, and Reconciliation
- 4** Intermediate Italian
- 5** Manifest Destiny and US Expansion

THURSDAY 9:45 AM

No In-Person Classes

THURSDAY 11:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** "A Painter Always Paints Himself"
- 3** Songs of Sex, Part 2
- 5** Ponts Culturels

THURSDAY 1:45 PM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** Church and State Under the Constitution and the Courts
- 5** Seeing More, Enjoying More at the Ballet
- 6** Water, Water (Isn't) Everywhere

FRIDAY 9:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** The Ancient Mediterranean
- 3** Technologies That Make Life Better
- 5** Plotinus, Eriugena, and David...
- 6** Medical Qigong

FRIDAY 11:45 AM

RM STUDY GROUP

- A** Film Analysis
- 1** Science Fiction and Fantasy
Writing Workshop
- 2** Le Polar: Le Genre Policier Francais
- 3** A Brief History of Washington, DC
- 4** Preserve Your Treasures
- 5** Spinoza



HEARING LOOPS

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

KEEP YOUR ZOOM UP TO DATE

Please be sure Zoom is up-to-date on your device before the start of your online class. Zoom's latest lifecycle policy took effect on February 3, so if you did not update Zoom before then, you will be unable to join your class. You can update and download Zoom [here](#).

SPRING BOOKS

Most spring 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 study groups. Below is a list of spring books that are not available at Politics and Prose, are available only as pay-to-order, or are available without discount.

200 - Neuroscience of Conflict

Making Peace with Conflict: Using Neuroscience to Ease Difficult Relationships:

Pay-to-order and no discount

391 - Repercussions From Recent Financial Crises: A Global View

*Emerging Domestic Markets: **No discount***

480 - The Ups and Downs of Weather

*The Ups and Downs of Weather: An Introduction to Meteorology: **Not Available***

589 - American Colonial and Federal Furniture: 1650-1840

*American Furniture: 1650 to the Present: **Pay-to-Order and no discount***

601 - Étude de la Culture Quotidienne Française

*La France au quotidien: 5e edition: **Not available***

606 - Intermediate German: Building Vocabulary

*German Short Stories for Beginners: **Pay-to-Order and no discount***

*Practice Makes Perfect German Vocabulary (Practice Makes Perfect Series) 2nd Edition: **Pay-to-order and no discount***

655 - Greek Tragedy

The book *The Greek Plays* has been ordered for the class and includes all the plays listed except "Mourning Becomes Electra" (For this play, the book *Three Plays* has been ordered).

715 - Jewish History: Patriarchs to Israel

*A Short History of the Jewish People: **No discount***

724 - Manifest Destiny and US Expansion

*Manifest Destiny and American Territorial Expansion: **No discount***

739 - China's Early History

*The Open Empire: A History of China to 1800: **No discount***

806 - Medical Qigong

*The Healing Art of Qi Gong: Ancient Wisdom from a Modern Master: **Not available***

860 - Plotinus, Eriugena, and David of Dinant

*The Essential Plotinus (Hackett Classics): **Not available***

*Periphyseon on the Division of Nature: **Pay-to-order and No discount***

861 - Spinoza

*Spinoza: Complete Works: **Not available***

CATALOG CHANGES

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



TEACH A SUMMER COURSE!

If you are passionate about a topic, we invite you to share your talents by leading an OLLI at AU course (or study group, as we call them). **We are currently accepting June and July study group proposals** from within the OLLI membership, the Washington, DC community, and thanks to Zoom, from those outside of the area, as well. **With the shorter sessions, the summer is a great time to get started at OLLI and "dip your toe" in the teaching waters!**

To propose a summer study group, please click one of the links below. You will need to log in with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.

June June 3–28 (classes meet once a week for 4 weeks)

Proposal form: <https://www.oli-dc.org/studygroupproposalform>

July Shorts: July 8–12 (classes meet 2-5 times that week)

Proposal form: <https://olli-dc.org/shortsproposalform>

Submission deadline for both sessions: Sunday, April 7.

For more information about teaching at OLLI, or to connect with a Curriculum Committee member, please visit [Become an Instructor](#) on the OLLI website or contact the office at olli@american.edu or 202-895-4860. **Know someone who may like to teach? Forward him or her this information or let us know!**

DIGITAL LIBRARY

A selection of our fall 2023 classes is 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 captioning, click the "CC" icon to the far right of the play button and select "English (auto-generated) CC." The Digital Library is located on the website under "Classes." [Go to the Digital Library.](#)

LECTURES

NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Reservations are required to attend in-person lectures. Registration will open at 10:00 AM on the Friday prior to the lecture. 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 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. **Spring lectures are being 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.**



**Charles Kamasaki, *Immigration Reform, Might
Past Be Prologue?***

March 8 | 1:30–2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Charles Kamasaki is Senior Advisor to UnidosUS, formerly the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the nation's largest Hispanic civil rights organization. Previously NCLR's Executive Vice President, he managed NCLR's research, policy analysis, and advocacy activity over three decades.

REGISTER

UPDATES

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BOB COE

Bob Coe's memorial service will take place **tomorrow, March 2 at 2:00 PM** at River Road Unitarian Universalist Church (6301 River Rd, Bethesda, MD). View the invitation and Bob's obituary [here](#).

To attend the service remotely, use this link: <https://carleton-ca.zoom.us/j/93331286263>

OLLI HAPPENINGS

JANE AUSTEN'S BRITAIN

SGL Leslie Frantz is working with Discover Europe Ltd. on a tour of Jane Austen's Britain. If you are interested in learning more about this experience, please contact Leslie directly at lesliefrantz7@gmail.com.



ITALIAN CLASS PASTA NIGHT

OLLI's Intermediate Italian class from last fall had a fun evening making and eating pasta (with wine and antipasto)! We love to see members come together and take their passion beyond the classroom. This sense of community is what OLLI is all about!



CURTAIN UP FOR OLLI PLAYWRIGHTS!

A year ago, OLLI SGL Joe Oppenheimer led an inspiring class on playwriting, and four intrepid playwrights-to-be took up the challenge. The result was not only some amazing one-act scripts, but starting in April, a series of readings of these works! As part of OLLI's commitment to building community through its courses, as well as its social and cultural events, these readings will give the playwrights the audience they crave, and OLLI members can see world premieres and offer feedback after each reading. Social time will follow. More details about each play will be shared soon, but in the meantime, mark your calendar for these dates: **Wednesdays at 12:30 in Room 100 (on the first floor next to Room A) on April 3, 10, 17, and 24.** You won't want to miss them!

AU EVENTS

ARTS DEPARTMENT

Faculty Music Concert

Department of Performing Arts

March 2 at 7:30 PM

Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center (4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016)

[Tickets](#)

AU music faculty take the stage! Instrumental and voice faculty collaborate in a varied program that ranges from Brahms to Cabaret. Featuring Susan Derry

(voice), Mary Gottlieb (piano), Barbara Hollinshead (voice), Kevin Jang (violin), Osman Kivrak (viola), Nobue Matsuoka (percussion), Bill Wielgus (oboe), and Barbara Wilkinson (piano).

The Herstory of Henri IV pt. 1

February 28–March 1 at 8:00 PM | March 2 at 2:00 and 8:00 PM

**Katzen Arts Center, Studio Theatre (4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20016)**

[Tickets](#)

Equal parts comedy and tragedy, *Henri IV pt. 1* is a gender-bent adaptation of Shakespeare's famous coming-of-age story about a young woman not only trying to figure out her place in the world, but also what sort of world she wants it to be.

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

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

***Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic Path: A Conversation with Deputy PM Stefanishyna*
March 8 at 9:45 AM**

AU School of International Service, Founders Room

[RSVP](#)

On 14th December 2023, the European Union formally agreed to start accession negotiations with Ukraine, which marked a major achievement for Kiev's path to deeper Euro-Atlantic integration. There remains major hurdles ahead before Ukraine can join the EU, but the December 2023 decision recognized the significant reforms undertaken by Kiev to adopt EU standards, in the midst of an existential war with Russia. On International Women's Day, Olha Stefanishyna, Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration will discuss her country's dogged efforts to join the EU and NATO, Transatlantic Relations, her work on gender equality, and more. The moderated discussion will be followed by an audience Q&A.

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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