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REGISTRATION

Today is the last day 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 deadline to add/drop classes and request a refund is **TODAY, 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

[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 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.

The screenshot shows the OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) website. At the top, there is a header with the OLLI logo, the text "at American University Washington, DC", and a welcome message "Welcome Lesley!". To the right of the welcome message are links for "Logoff" and "Text Size: A A A", and a "Join Email List" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: HOME, ABOUT, MEMBERSHIP, CLASSES, DOCUMENTS, LECTURES/EVENTS, GIVE, VOLUNTEER, and CONTACT. A red arrow points to the "CLASSES" link. A dropdown menu is open under "CLASSES", showing the following options: Types of Classes, Shorts, Semesters/Minis, Catalog Archive, Digital Library, and Become an Instructor. The "Semesters/Minis" option is highlighted with a blue bar, and a red circle is drawn around the "Spring 2024 Handouts" and "Spring 2024 Recordings" links. To the right of the navigation menu is a large banner with the text "Register..." in red, followed by "Semester! The" and "from March 4-". Below this text is a button that says "REGISTER." with a right-pointing arrow.

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](#).

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=WnJLZ3hKR0tYaVJicWlqK1lRZlJlXU09	Registered	Drop this class

PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK

The preliminary feedback form is now available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." Here is the direct link: [FEEDBACK FORM](#)

We encourage you to take a few minutes to provide feedback about each of your study groups **after attending two class sessions**. Some study groups don't start until next week, so the feedback form will be open through Friday, March 29. Please keep in mind that there are sometimes tech issues that come up the first week that

need ironing out (especially in Zoom and hybrid classes). ***As always, if you have suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.***

Feedback is viewed by study group leaders, the curriculum committee, and the office. Feedback is crucial for SGLs to receive, as your feedback lets them know what is going well and what changes they could consider making for the remainder of the semester.

Paper copies of the feedback form are also available in each class folder (just ask your SGR for one) as well as outside the OLLI office. If you choose to complete a paper form, just drop it off at the office when you're finished. Feedback is completely anonymous.

Preliminary feedback will be accepted through **Friday, March 29.**



TEACH A COURSE!

We are currently accepting June, July, and fall study group proposals from within the OLLI membership, the Washington, DC community, and thanks to Zoom, from those outside of the area, as well.

To propose a 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 Minis 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://oli-dc.org/shortsproposalform>

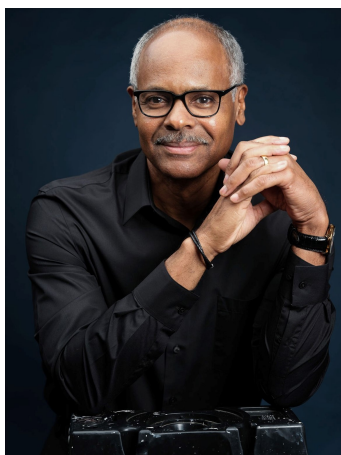
Deadline for summer sessions: Sunday, April 7.

Deadline for fall session: Sunday, May 5.

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 oli@american.edu or 202-895-4860. **Know someone who may like to teach? Forward him or her this information or let us know!**

LECTURES

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.**



TODAY'S LECTURE

Jeffrey Blount, *Mr. Jimmy From Around the Way and the Impact of Literary Activism*

March 15 | 1:30–2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Jeffrey Blount is the award-winning author of three novels. His most recent book, *The Emancipation of Evan Walls*, was the winner of the 2020 National Indie Excellence Award for African American fiction. He is also an Emmy award-winning television director and a 2016 inductee to the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame. During a 34-year career at NBC News, Jeffrey directed a decade of Meet the Press, The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, and major special events. He is the first African American to direct The Today Show. **The lecture will be followed by a book signing and sale; both cash and card will be accepted.**

REGISTER



NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Hayley Finn, *The New Jewish Play*

March 22 | 1:30–2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Hayley Finn (she/her/hers) is an accomplished director and producer with over 25 years of experience in professional theatre. Prior to joining Theater J, she was the Associate Artistic Director at the Playwrights' Center. She also served as a Co-Artistic Director of Red Eye Theater from 2019-2023 where she co-produced and curated the New Works 4 Weeks Festival—and she co-led the fundraising and development of a new 150-seat black box theater in Minneapolis.

REGISTER

EVENTS

CALLING ALL BAKED GOODS!

Break out your baking pans or feel free to head to the bakery! We are soliciting members to bring in baked goods—homemade or store bought—to share with fellow members in the OLLI Social Space the week of March 25–29 during the 30-minute breaks between classes! We hope that if you have a class on one of those days, you will want to share some baked love! Sign up at the bulletin board in the Social Space.

Please bring your baked items to the Social Space on the 5th floor when you arrive for class. We have some trays for use, but it would be best to have the items pre-cut and ready to be consumed. Napkins will be provided.



PRIVATE TOUR OF THE US CAPITOL BUILDING

In-Person Tour

Saturday, April 20 | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Registration Required | Tickets \$40 per

person | No Refunds

OLLI is offering a special private tour of the US Capitol beyond the public's standard tour. This unique experience will be guided by Steven Livengood, Chief Guide and Public Historian of the United States Capitol Historical Society.

As we tour the Capitol, Steve will explain what has happened there—and is happening there—from the viewpoint of the history of human civilization, not just current politics. How was the importance of George Washington's resignation as General in 1783 acted out in Cambodia within the last few years? What action in the Capitol building transformed the meaning of the Statue of Freedom on top of the dome while it was being cast? This is only a sample of what we will hear. This tour is limited to 15 people.

MORE INFO AND REGISTER

OLLI HAPPENINGS



JFK CENTER BUILDING TOUR

On Saturday, March 2, OLLI members toured the original Edward Durell Stone building of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, featuring access to performance venues, private reception lounges, and special artworks. The guided tour ended at the new performance exhibition **Arts and Ideals: President John F. Kennedy**, which explores how the arts infused and informed the Kennedy presidency through video, photos, artifacts, and the latest in digital technology. Experiencing our region's treasured points of interest is always a treat. Check out OLLI's [Events](#)

[Calendar](#) on our website for information about upcoming trips.

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. Mark your calendar for the dates below. Each play reading will take place **at 12:30 PM in Room 100 (on the first floor next to Room A):**

- [April 3: "Scenes from a Homecoming" by Chuck Jones](#)
- [April 10: "Gutter Day" by Sean Finnell](#)
- [April 17: "How Can I Be...?" by Jeanne Kent](#)
- [April 24: "The Writers' Group" by Joe Oppenheimer](#)

AU EVENTS

MELTZER SHWARTZBERG CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES AND SIS DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY AND GLOBAL SECURITY

Guy Ziv New Book Talk: *Netanyahu vs The Generals*

Wednesday, March 20 at 4:00–5:30 PM

SIS Building Abramson Family Founders Room T7

[RSVP](#)

ABOUT THE BOOK: Benjamin Netanyahu has carefully cultivated a self-image as Israel's 'Mr. Security' during his decades of political activity. His reputation as a security-minded leader has resonated with large swathes of the Israeli public, enabling him to become Israel's longest-serving prime minister. Yet the Israeli security community has long questioned Netanyahu's approach to national security. The Netanyahu era has seen unprecedented civil-military tensions, while retired generals and former heads of the Mossad and Shin Bet intelligence agencies, some of whom were appointed by Netanyahu, have publicly rejected both his leadership and his policies. Drawing on interviews with dozens of senior veterans of the Israeli security establishment, this book addresses this intriguing paradox. It sets out to

explain the mutual distrust and intense disagreements between Netanyahu and the security community, as well as the underlying reasons behind the Israeli public's inattention to the collective judgment of hundreds of ex-generals and former spymasters. There will be a book sale and signing reception following the talk.

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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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