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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

American University announced Jonathan (Jon) Alger as the university's 16th president. View the official announcement [here](#). Alger will join the AU community on July 1, 2024, when President Sylvia Burwell concludes seven years of changemaking impact and service. President Burwell has been a great friend to OLLI at American University, and we look forward to welcoming incoming President Alger.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK

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

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



TEACH A FALL COURSE!

We are currently accepting 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 fall study group, please click the link below. You will need to log in with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.

Fall semester: Sept. 23–Dec. 6 (classes meet once a week for 7-10 weeks)

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

Proposal deadline: 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!**

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The [Spring 2024 Membership Directory](#) is available on the website. Members must be logged in to access the directory. Go to Documents, then For Members Only.

VOLUNTEER

JUNE MINIS CLASS COORDINATOR

The OLLI office is looking for a member who would like to serve as the "OLLI Coordinator" for an upcoming June Minis class titled *Building a Society Where Hate Can't Thrive: How Public Health Thinking Can Stop the Extremism and Polarization*

Crisis. This new class will feature speakers from The Polarization & Extremism Research & Innovation Lab (PERIL), an applied research lab within American University's School of Public Affairs. A different speaker will present at each class session. It will be held **in-person on Thursdays in June from 1:45-3:15 PM, starting June 6**. The OLLI Coordinator needs to be able to attend each class session, but is not registered as an actual class member.

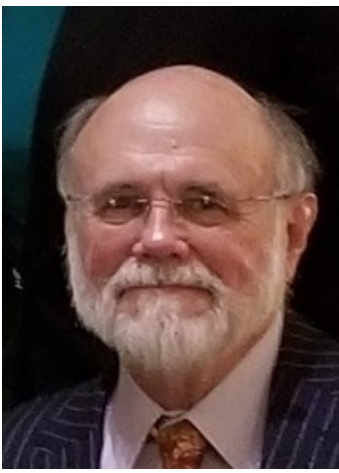
Coordinator duties include the following:

- Send a welcome e-mail to each speaker a week before their lecture date, requesting their bio and contact number, if needed (using a sample template OLLI will provide)
- E-mail a reminder to each speaker the day before their lecture
- Introduce each speaker before they begin
- Help pass the hand-held microphone during the Q&A session at the end
- Send a thank you email to the speaker after their lecture

Serving as Coordinator for the class would entitle you to take free classes either during the June Minis or the following comparable short session (July Shorts or Feb Shorts). If you are interested in serving as the OLLI Coordinator for this June Minis study group, please email the OLLI office at olli@american.edu and we will follow up with you.

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

Steve Livengood, *The Temple of Democracy: American History Gets Acted Out in the US Capitol*

March 29 | 1:30–2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Steve Livengood is the Public Historian and Chief Guide of the US Capitol Historical Society, a private not-for-profit organization chartered by the US Congress to develop enhanced experiences related to the history of the Capitol Building and the institutions that have been housed there. His specialty is interpreting the building with historical background on the meaning of activities and artworks as the icons of representative democracy, seeing familiar things from a deeper perspective.

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

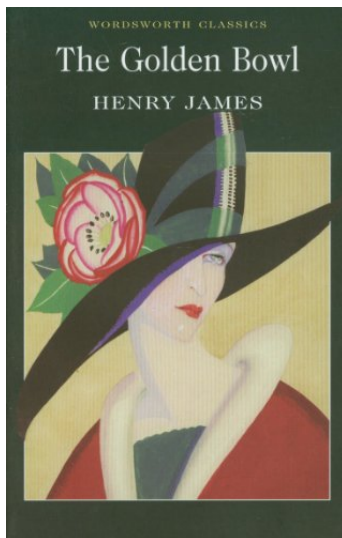
Michael Conley, *Honoring Service and Sacrifice: The Story of the American Battle Monuments Commission*

April 5 | 1:30–2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Michael Conley is the executive director for management for the American Battle Monuments Commission. He served previously as the Commission's director of public affairs and before that as director of communications and associate executive director of the Commission's National World War II Memorial project. He has been with the Commission since August 1996, a few months after retiring from the United States Air Force.

REGISTER



SERENDIPITY TALK

Why Read or (Reread) Henry James's Most Difficult Novel, *The Golden Bowl*?

Tuesday, April 9 | 9:45–10:45 AM

In-Person at OLLI: Room 100 on the first floor (next to Room A)

No Registration is required to attend

This brief talk will try to arouse interest in this not easily-read novel of James's "late" period, by exploring the strange, even perverse, relationship of a wealthy father and daughter who both marry but who never succeed in separating themselves from one another, thus all but creating the conditions for their own betrayal—the adultery—at the heart of the novel.

Michael W. Farrell is a former chair of the English department at Georgetown Preparatory School and an appellate judge for 30 years. He is a lifelong reader of Henry James.

ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 12 at 1:30 PM

Hybrid (In-Person: Room A at OLLI)

Join us for OLLI's Annual Meeting on Friday, April 12 at 1:30 PM. Board candidates will give brief remarks to introduce themselves. Online balloting will begin after the Annual Meeting and election results will be announced on May 3.

There will also be remarks from OLLI's Board Chair, Treasurer, Development Committee Chair, and Executive Director. Time for your questions and comments is an integral part of the Annual Meeting, so we hope you will join us.

The meeting format will be hybrid (members both in-person and online) and will take place in Room A on the first floor. **Registration is required for in-person attendees.** The Zoom link will be sent to all members the morning of the Annual Meeting.

REGISTER

MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK

April 8-12 will be Member Appreciation Week at OLLI! Each day, we will have refreshments and games in the **Social Space** located on the 5th floor:

- **Monday** and **Wednesday** – morning breakfast treats starting at 9:00 AM
- **Tuesday** and **Thursday** – afternoon dessert treats available from 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM
- **Friday** – sandwich wraps at 12:30 PM, prior to the Annual Meeting

OLLI HAPPENINGS

BAKED GOODS WEEK

Thanks to everyone who made OLLI's baked goods week the best it has been! So many members brought in a treat to share in the Social Space that they baked or purchased. The delicious goodies included everything from pralines to ginger scones to lemon cake—and every cookie you can imagine!



"SCENES FROM A HOMECOMING" ON APRIL 3

"Scenes from a Homecoming," written by Chuck Jones, is a one-act play that portrays the challenges a young Marine faces as he returns to his hometown after two tours of duty in Afghanistan. During the course of seven scenes, he grapples with the loss of the two people he loves most and the horrific things he witnessed in the war. Only by dealing with the reality of those traumas does he find some solace.

Make sure to register for this and the other playwrights' showcase readings at the links below. Each reading takes place at **12:30 PM in Room 100 (on the first floor next to Room A)**. You won't want to miss them!

- [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](#)

OLLI Disclaimer: OLLI does not endorse any of the viewpoints expressed by the playwrights in this series.

JANE AUSTEN TOUR

SGL Leslie Frantz is working with Discover Europe Ltd. on a tour of Jane Austen's Britain. Hard copies of the itinerary and registration form are now available at the OLLI Office. If you are interested in learning more about this experience, please contact Leslie directly at lesliefrantz7@gmail.com.

AU EVENTS

CENTER FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES AND KENNEDY POLITICAL UNION

Peter Baker and Susan B. Glasser, *Thurber Dialogues on Democracy*

Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 PM

Malsi Doyle & Forman Theater in McKinley Hall

[Register](#)

Livestream the event [here](#)

[Peter Baker](#) is the chief White House correspondent for *The New York Times* covering President Biden and his administration. Baker joined *The Times* in 2008 after 20 years at *The Washington Post* and has covered the past five presidents, starting in 1996 with Bill Clinton and continuing through George W. Bush, Barack Obama, Donald J. Trump, and now Joe Biden. He is the author of seven books, most recently *The Divider: Trump in the White House, 2017-2021*, with his wife, Susan B. Glasser.

[Susan B. Glasser](#) is a staff writer at *The New Yorker*, where she writes a weekly column on life in Washington. Glasser has served as the top editor of several Washington publications, including *Politico*, where she founded the award-winning *Politico Magazine*, and *Foreign Policy*, which won three National Magazine Awards, among other honors, during her tenure as editor in chief. Before that, she worked for a decade at the *Washington Post*, where she was the editor of Outlook and national news. Her most recent book is [The Divider](#), a best-selling history of Donald Trump in the White House, which she co-wrote with her husband, Peter Baker.

AU Professor and Senior Editor and Correspondent on the Washington Desk for NPR News Ron Elving will moderate this event. A reception will be held after the event.

This conversation is part of the Thurber Dialogues on Democracy, an ongoing series of conversations with prominent thought leaders about how to strengthen democracy in the US and abroad, which began in early 2021 with a generous gift from Distinguished University Emeritus Professor Jim Thurber and his wife Claudia Thurber.

AU ARTS

***Spring Awakening*, Directed by Nadia Guevara**

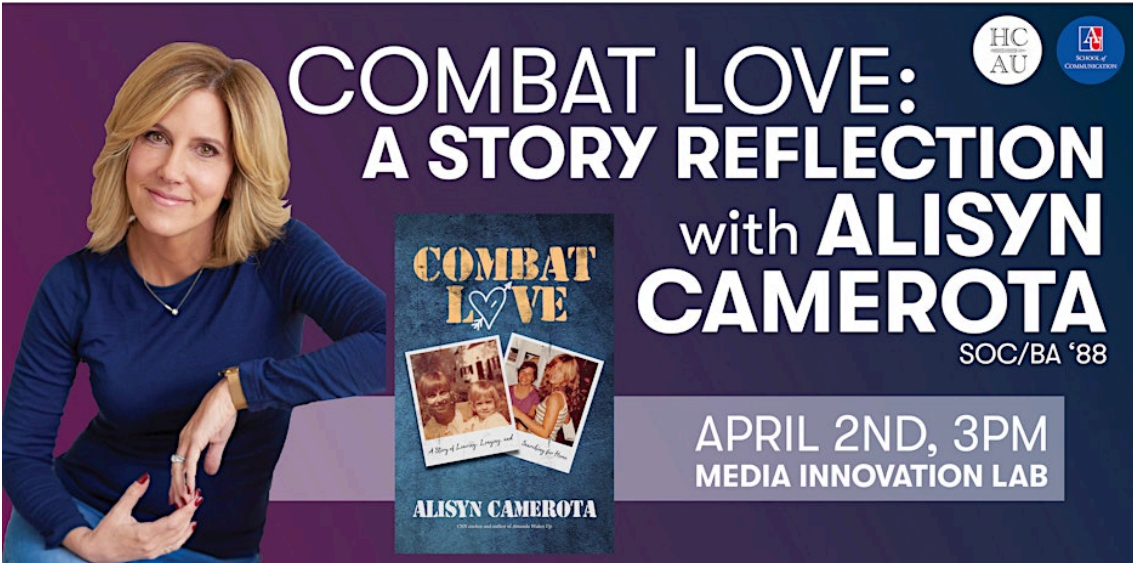
Harold and Sylvia Greenberg Theatre

April 4–5 at 8:00 PM | April 6 at 2:00 and 8:00 PM

Tickets: Free for AU students with ID, \$10 for alumni, staff, faculty, children (under 18), and senior citizens (55 and older), \$15 general public.

Spring Awakening explores the journey from adolescence to adulthood with a poignancy and passion that is illuminating and unforgettable. The landmark musical is an electrifying fusion of morality, sexuality, and rock and roll that has exhilarated audiences across the nation. The winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, told by Duncan Sheik and Steven Sater through what Entertainment Weekly called "the most gorgeous Broadway score this decade."

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**COMBAT LOVE:
A STORY REFLECTION
with ALISYN
CAMEROTA**

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COMBAT LOVE
A Story of Loving, Longing, and Searching for Home
ALISYN CAMEROTA

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Two-time Emmy-award-winning SOC alumna Alisyn Camerota (SOC/BA '88) retraces her steps down an often gritty path toward her dream of becoming a journalist. At times heartbreaking and pulse-pounding, *Combat Love* inspires anyone who's ever searched for that elusive place called home.

Please join Professor Jane Hall and Sana Mamtaney of Her Campus in a discussion with Alisyn Camerota to hear more about how Alisyn's experiences shaped her trajectory as a journalist since leaving American University School of Communication!

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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