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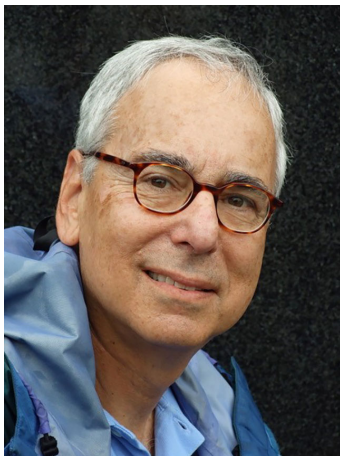
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LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

As spring is already in the air and as we start a new semester, I want to welcome our new and returning members to OLLI. As I came in the building this week, it was great to see so many familiar faces heading to their study groups. Seeing old friends and starting new friendships has always been one of the most satisfying things for me in being an OLLI member, and I hope all of you are also enjoying our community of active and inquisitive members. In addition to the study groups, I hope you also will join us for another series of Friday lectures on a variety of topics. Have a wonderful semester, and thank you for your continuing involvement in OLLI.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

SPRING SEMESTER INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

There is still **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. 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.

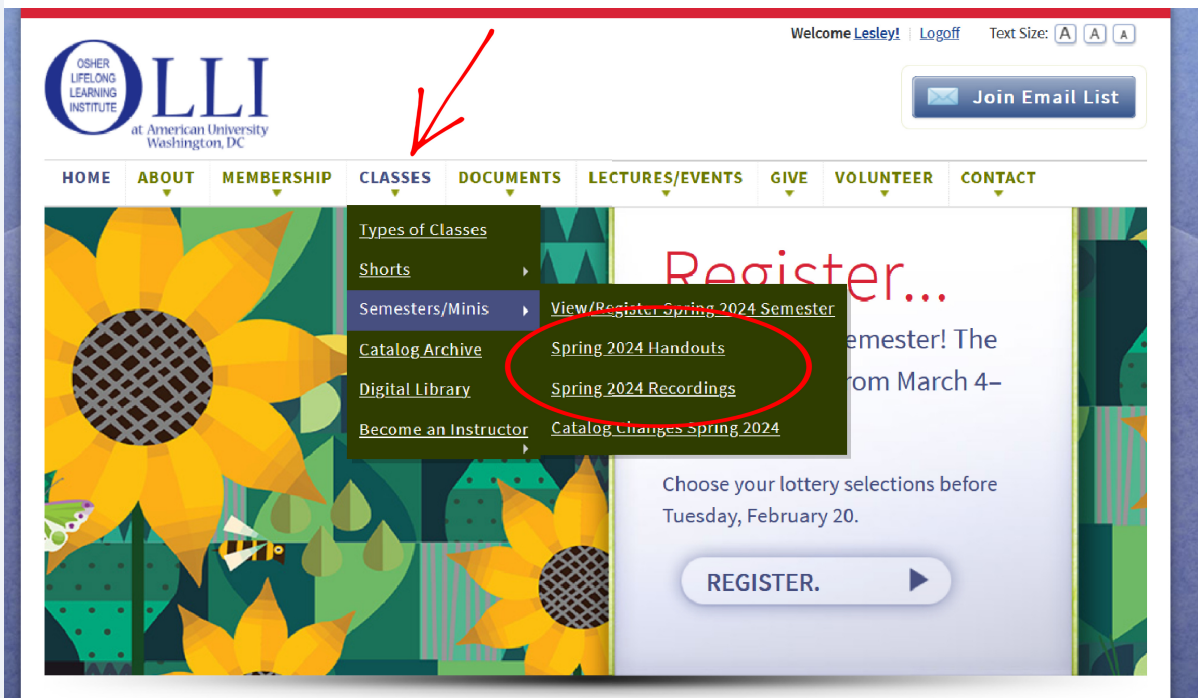
[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

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.

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 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=WnJlZ3hKR0tYaVJicWlqK1lRZlUxUT09	Registered	Drop this class



HEARING LOOPS

All of the classrooms at OLLI have hearing loops installed. "Hearing loops" are state-of-the-art "Listening Assistive" technology. 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.

[MORE INFO](#)

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](#).



TEACH A SUMMER COURSE!

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.

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 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://oli-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 oli@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.](#)

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

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

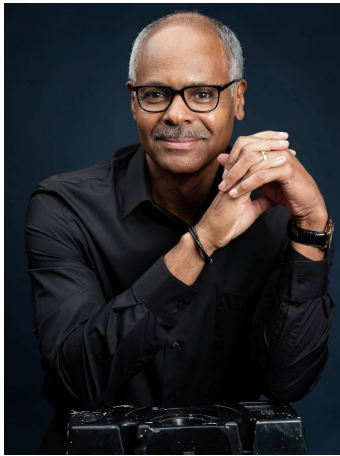
March 8 | 1:30–2:30 PM

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.

The lecture will be followed by a book signing and sale; both cash and card will be accepted.

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NEXT WEEK'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.**

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OLLI HAPPENINGS



LONGTIME SGL APPRECIATION EVENT

Last week, we hosted an event honoring our longtime Study Group Leaders (SGLs). All 42 of these volunteer instructors have been teaching at OLLI for 10 years or more! Specially designed books composed of



pictures, the classes each instructor taught over the years, and bios were gifted to the instructors to take home. The books and program from OLLI at AU's Executive Director, Board Chair, and Curriculum Committee Chair honored these longtime SGLs for their generosity of talent and time, and for being the heart of OLLI's community. The presentation was followed by a reception where members and instructors mingled and reminisced on their time at OLLI at AU over hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. We extend our gratitude to our volunteers who helped organize and run this event!

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.

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 the dates below. Each play reading will take place on **Wednesdays in April 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

SINE INSTITUTE OF POLICY AND POLITICS

Kara Swisher, *Burn Book: A Tech Love Story From 25 Years of Covering Silicon Valley*

Friday, March 8 at 12:00 PM

AU School of International Service, Founders Room

[RSVP](#)

For the last quarter century, journalist Kara Swisher has covered the business of the Internet. This semester she will share with us that history and her experiences being at the epicenter of the largest boom in wealth and innovation of the modern age. She will also cover where we are today and how she views the current landscape, including the future of technology, its benefits and the challenges and how we navigate the rapid pace of change taking place.

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.

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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