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### ANNUAL MEETING

**Today, April 12 at 1:30 PM**

**Hybrid (In-Person: Room A at OLLI)**

**Zoom Link:** [Click here to join](#)

Join us for OLLI's Annual Meeting **today at 1:30 PM**. Board candidates (see below) 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. **Registration is required for in-person attendees.**

**REGISTER**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES**

The Board-approved slate of candidates are below. Please note that an asterisk by a candidate's name indicates they're a current Board member.



### **ELLEN BABBY**

Through a deep commitment to lifelong learning, Ellen began taking classes a number of years ago. These classes have so greatly enriched her life. Ellen has been keenly interested in expanding her engagement with OLLI and fully enjoys her work on the Lecture Committee, as well as a “Welcomer” to new members. She has held leadership positions in various higher education nonprofit organizations, with the core of her career as Vice President at the American Council on Education. For the past several years, Ellen has served as an independent nonprofit management consultant specializing in strategic planning, organizational development, governance, and advancement. A native of Montreal and author of a book and several articles, Ellen holds a PhD in French Literature from Yale University.



### **STUART FRISCH\***

Stuart joined OLLI in 2013 and has served as a member and chair of the Personnel Committee, chair of the Scholarships Committee, and as a member of the Governance and Strategic Planning Committees. He regularly serves as a study group representative and as a “Welcomer” for new members. In Stuart's youth, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic. He spent most of his legal career in government—10 years at the EEOC and 25 years at the Department of Justice—

where he was a senior executive. Stuart is a graduate of Brooklyn College and Harvard Law School.



### **LISA HARPER**

OLLI has transformed Lisa's retirement. When she started teaching at OLLI in 2019, she soon realized: This is her community. She found smart, energetic, well-traveled, multilingual seniors who, like herself, wanted to continue a journey of learning and friendship. Lisa has enjoyed teaching courses in French and English on such diverse topics as French songs, Josephine Baker, Moroccan history, and Ethiopian crosses. Lisa's skillset includes strategic thinking, mission orientation, and the desire to exceed expectations, acquired as she rose to senior management positions at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) over a 45-year career.



### **LESLEY RUBINGER**

OLLI has had an enormous impact on Lesley's life—in three states! When she moved to the Berkshires in 2010, not knowing anyone, it was her OLLI classes that paved the way to new friendships and becoming a board member and catalog editor. In 2020, having retired (after a long career in membership and development) to Virginia and in a lockdown, OLLI at George Mason on Zoom was right there to stimulate brain waves and stave off the isolation. In 2021, Lesley joined OLLI at AU and was immediately enthralled with the number and variety of classes. She also serves as catalog editor. In her spare time, Lesley serves as a tour guide at the Kennedy Center and the Holocaust Museum (and chair of the museum's Advisory Board).

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING**

**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**

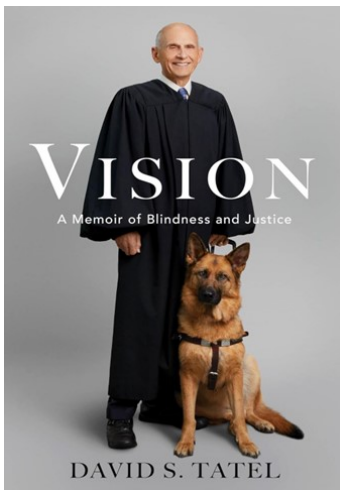
For more information about teaching at OLLI or to connect with a Curriculum Committee member, please visit [Become an Instructor](#) on the OLLI website or contact the office at [oli@american.edu](mailto:oli@american.edu) or 202-895-4860. **Know someone who may like to teach? Forward him or her this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

### NO LECTURE TODAY

There is no lecture today, April 12, due to OLLI's Annual Meeting. See more information above.



## NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

**Judge David Tatel, *Vision***

**April 19**

**1:30–2:30 PM**

**In-Person at OLLI**

David S. Tatel served on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1994 to 2023. After graduating from the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago law school he served as the founding director of the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and then director of the National Committee. He headed the Office for Civil Rights of the US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare during the Carter administration and then founded and led the education practice at Hogan Lovells, where he is now Senior Counsel.

*Vision: A Memoir of Blindness and Justice* will be published on June 11, 2024, and will be available wherever books, eBooks, and audiobooks are sold. A 10% discount is available when you pre-order at [hachettebookgroup.com](https://hachettebookgroup.com) and you enter a discount code at checkout. The code will be provided during the lecture.

**REGISTER**

## OLLI HAPPENINGS

### **OLLI'S SECOND PLAYWRIGHTS' SHOWCASE A SUCCESS!**

On Wednesday, April 10, members from OLLI and the community watched Sean Finnell's world premiere staged reading of his one-act play, "Gutter Day." The audience was impressed with the actors' performances and the writing, as it conveyed a slice-of-life experience for a family that had been through many tragedies and how they communicated and coped with each other. Congratulations to Sean and the cast for an enlightening experience.

**"HOW CAN I BE...?" ON APRIL 17**

Written by Jeanne Kent, "How Can I Be...?" portrays the desperation of a young housewife who has left a socially stimulating job to stay at home and care for her two very young children. She turns to others, including chatbots, for ideas on how to free herself from the despair of an unfulfilling life and be happy again. After many frustrating exchanges with humans and chatbots, an answer mysteriously arrives.

Make sure to register for this and the other playwrights' showcase readings at the links below or use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in OLLI's Social Space on the 5th floor. 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 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.*

## **SOLAR ECLIPSE**

OLLI members enjoyed catching the solar eclipse outside the building Monday afternoon. What a once-in-a-lifetime sight to see!



## **WELCOME RECEPTION FOR AU'S INCOMING PRESIDENT**

OLLI member Tina Fried Heller and staff Tony Long, Lesley Diaz, and Lisa Olson attended Wednesday's Community Welcome Reception for AU's 16th President, Jonathan R. Alger, at the Katzen Arts Center. Alger will officially join the AU community on July 1, 2024.



## OTHER EVENTS

### **AN EVENING WITH CLAIRE DEDERER**

**Author of *Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma***

**April 25 at 6:00 PM**

**Arrupe Multipurpose Room, Georgetown University**

**[Click here to join the livestream](#)**

Maureen Corrigan (Nicky and Jamie Grant Distinguished Professor of the Practice in Literary Criticism) will interview Claire Dederer about her *New York Times* Notable Book and national bestseller, *Monsters*.

AN EVENING WITH  
**Claire Dederer,**  
author of *Monsters:*  
*A Fan's Dilemma*

**Thurs, April 25th at 6PM**  
**Arrupe Multipurpose Room**  
**& Zoom:**  
**[bit.ly/Claire-Dederer-Zoom](https://bit.ly/Claire-Dederer-Zoom)**

"Claire Dederer asks: Can we love the work of Hemingway, Polanski, Miles Davis, or Picasso? Should we love it? Does genius deserve special dispensation? Is male monstrosity the same as female monstrosity?"

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## MONSTERS

A Fan's Dilemma



CLAIRE DEDERER



A PUBLIC HUMANITIES EVENT SPONSORED BY  
THE GEORGETOWN DEANS' OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH,  
AND THE LANNAN CENTER

## AU EVENTS

### AU ARTS

**American University Symphonic Band, *Expeditions***

**April 13 at 3:00 PM**

**Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center**

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

The AU Symphonic Band tackles two large scale works that each musically depict a remote frozen landscape. Oscar Navarro's "Expedition" imagines a journey deep



into the waters of Antarctica, and Franco Cesarini's "Poema Alpestre" captures the vastness and majesty of the towering Swiss Alps. These two lengthy and challenging works highlight the richness of the Symphonic Band literature and showcase American University's talented wind, brass, and percussion students. Also featuring "Take Flight," a new composition by AU student Bailey Hobbs.

**American University Chamber Singers, *In Nature's Realm: Our Environment and Care for the Earth***

**April 13 at 7:30 PM | April 14 at 3:00 PM**

**Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center**

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

This program celebrates the beauty of our planet and the diversity and power of nature. Art has always celebrated nature. To revel in the beauty and power of nature is even more important than ever as we consider the impact we have on our planet. Reconnect with the expansive qualities of nature by hearing how composers have considered nature's awesomeness across time. Including works by Antonín Dvořák, Rachel Portman, Ēriks Ešņvalds, Dan Forrest, Frank Ticheli, and others.

**SINE INSTITUTE OF POLICY & POLITICS**



Join Kara Swisher for her  
third Sine Seminar:

## Taping: "On With Kara Swisher"

Featuring guest Walt Mossberg,  
former Principal Technology  
Columnist, The Wall Street  
Journal; Co-Founder, All Things  
Digital and Recode



Tuesday, April 16, 2024  
12 PM ET

Don Myers Technology and  
Innovation Building 111

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SINE INSTITUTE  
of POLICY & POLITICS

2024 Sine Institute  
Distinguished Lecturer

**Pam Melroy**

**NASA Deputy  
Administrator**

**Wednesday, April 17  
11 AM ET**

**Don Myers Technology  
and Innovation Building  
(DMTI) Room 111**

AU Chemistry Dept.  
AU Physics Dept.  
AU Math & Statistics Dept.  
AU Psychology Dept.  
AU Women in Science  
Cadets at AU

AU College of Arts & Sciences  
AU Science & Policy Program  
Society of Physics AU Chapter  
Integrated Space Science and Technology Institute  
NASA DC Space Grant  
HOSA: Future Health Professionals at AU

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Join the Hon. Thomas Nides  
for his #SineSeminar:

## Case Study: How the Financial Crisis of 2008 Shaped a Generation and What Does It Mean for Us Today?



Featuring Special Guest Hon.  
Timothy Geithner, Chairman,  
Warburg Pincus; 75th Secretary of  
the Treasury; Former President and  
Chief Executive Officer of the  
Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Thursday, April 18, 2024,  
6 PM ET  
AU Museum at the Katzen  
Arts Center

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### 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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