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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are excited to announce that June Minis and July Shorts registration is open! Our study group leaders and Summer Curriculum Committee have outdone themselves to bring you an exciting set of courses, dozens of which are new. There are 33 June Minis and 26 July Shorts!

JUNE MINIS (June 3–28)

June Minis meet once a week for four weeks either in-person or online. Members can select up to three courses before the lottery for \$100. After the lottery, members can add a fourth class. **The June Minis lottery will be held on**

Thursday, May 23. Class assignment letters will be emailed the following day. The last day for course changes and refunds is Friday, June 7.

REGISTER FOR JUNE MINIS

JULY SHORTS (July 8–12)

July Shorts meet 2-5 times during the one week either in-person, or online. Members can select up to three courses before the lottery for \$100. After the lottery, members can add however many classes fit in their schedule. **The July Shorts lottery will be held on Monday, June 24.** Class assignment letters will be emailed the following day. The last day for course changes and refunds is Friday, July 5.

REGISTER FOR JULY SHORTS

SPRING FINAL FEEDBACK

The [final feedback form](#) is available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." As always, feedback is anonymous.

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 have suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.**

Final feedback will be accepted through Friday, May 17.

SGL GIFTS

All of OLLI's study group leaders are volunteers. Each academic session, members are invited to give them a gift in honor of all of the work they do to prepare and deliver their courses. This is completely voluntary. [SGL gifts](#) can be made on the OLLI website under "Give" and then "SGL Gifts." **You must log into your account on the website to see the gift form.** SGL gifts can also be made by mailing or dropping off a check made payable to **OLLI at AU** with the course number(s) listed in the memo field. The OLLI office will collect all gifts and mail a check to each SGL.

SGL Gifts will be accepted through Friday, May 17.

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!**

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

Bryan Cheeseboro, *The Civil War Defenses of Washington: 1861*

April 26 | 1:30–2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

With Washington, DC—The National Capital—situated below the Mason-Dixon Line and

surrounded on all sides by slaveholding states, the prospects for Union defeat were very real. Many people are aware of the Civil War Defenses of Washington (CWDW) and that it was composed of 68 forts and 93 batteries. But this was the strength of the defenses in 1865, at the end of the war. How did it all begin? Which were the first forts built? Which was the first fort? And was a Confederate invasion of Washington, DC possible? This presentation will look at these and more questions.

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Mitzi Perdue, *A View of Ukraine You Haven't Heard*

May 3 | 1:30–2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Harvard graduate Mitzi is a writer, a former rice farmer, and a past president of the 40,000-member American Agri-Women. In the 1990s and early 2000s her column, *The Environment and You*, was the most widely syndicated environmental column in the US. Recently she's written a biography of Mark Victor Hansen, the Chicken Soup for the Soul guy. The book, *Relentless*, has won numerous awards for the Best Biography of 2022 and was an Amazon #1 best seller. Royalties for *Relentless* will go for humanitarian relief in Ukraine.

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EVENTS

SERENDIPITY TALK

Uri Pearl, *The Ins and Outs of Cyber Scams: How to Stay Safe in an Increasingly Digital World*

Tuesday, May 7 | 3:30–5:00 PM

Online via Zoom

Last year Americans lost a staggering \$30 billion to cyber scams, a 60% jump from the previous year. The cyber scammers are becoming smarter and more sophisticated and that means we need to as well! This presentation aims to equip you with essential knowledge on the world of cyber scams. We'll delve into the workings of cyber scams, uncovering who the scammers are, their methods, and their objectives. By identifying common scams and learning the signs of being targeted, you can confidently navigate the digital world. Join us to transform from potential targets to empowered, scam-savvy internet users.

Uri Pearl has always had one major passion, protecting people. He sought fulfillment for that passion through a military service specializing in counter-terrorism. Upon completion of his service and a degree in Economics from the University of Maryland, a family scam experience caused Uri to dive into the world of scams and embark on a mission to educate and protect people.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of the talk.

FRANCISCAN MONASTERY TOUR

Wednesday, May 15 | 1:00–2:00 PM

Registration Required (Free)

Join OLLI members on a tour of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. A guide will escort us as we view full-size replicas of the Mount Calvary and Holy Sepulcher shrines in Jerusalem, reproductions of the Nazareth Annunciation and Bethlehem Nativity grottos, and Roman catacombs. After the tour, take in the beauty and tranquility of the enchanted Franciscan Monastery Garden, vibrant and beautiful in the month of May. This is an attraction that is easily seen on foot, and it's one of the best natural views in the district!

[MORE INFO & REGISTER](#)

OLLI HAPPENINGS

OLLI PLAYWRIGHTS' SHOWCASE

On Wednesday, April 24, members from OLLI and the community viewed the last performance in this series, the staged reading of Joe Oppenheimer's one-act play, "The Writers' Group." The actors adeptly conveyed their struggles with being homeless, expressing themselves through writing in the workshop, and the

disconnect with the workshop volunteer. It provoked many questions and discussion, which is what art should do. Congratulations to Joe and the cast for a thought-provoking experience and thanks to all who attended the showcase over the past four weeks.



UPDATES

UPDATE YOUR ZOOM

Please be sure Zoom is up-to-date on your device. Zoom's lifecycle policy takes effect on **Saturday, May 4**, so if you do not update Zoom before then, you will be unable to join online classes. You can update and download Zoom [here](#).

AU EVENTS

AU Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast*

April 27 at 7:30 PM | April 28 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 Symphony Orchestra and Chorus collaborate to perform a lesser-known but important oratorio by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor—"Hiawatha's Wedding Feast." This work sets text from a section of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's epic poem Song of Hiawatha (1855) to jubilant music that narrates the marriage celebration of the fictional Ojibwe warrior Hiawatha to Minnehaha, a Dakota woman.

The program also includes Saint-Saëns' Symphony no. 2 in A minor, the world premiere of "January Sunrise" by AU student composer Matthew Lipka, and soloist Madeleine Corrigan, AU student and winner of the annual Concerto and Aria competition, playing the first and second movements of Shostakovich's Cello Concerto no. 1.

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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