

## HELPFUL LINKS

[ABCs of OLLI](#) | [Parking](#) | [Registration](#) | [Events Calendar](#) | [Past Newsletters](#)



# Newsletter



American University

4801

**Web:** [www.oli-dc.org](http://www.oli-dc.org) | **Phone:** 202-895-4860 | **Email:** [oli@american.edu](mailto:oli@american.edu)

**Location:** 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016

**Mail:** 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016

## April 18, 2025

### Table of Contents

#### ACADEMIC

##### PROGRAMMING

- Summer Registration is Open!
- New Member 10% Discount
- Spring Final Feedback & SGL Gifts
- Fall Proposals

#### LECTURES

- Today's Lecture
- Next Week's Lecture

#### VOLUNTEER

- Coordinator Needed for June Minis Class

#### OLLI EVENTS

- Civic Life Community Seminar

- AU Arboretum Tour

- Membership Appreciation Week

- Bloomsday 2025 —Be a Reader!

#### OLLI HAPPENINGS

- Happy Hour
- OLLI Lunch Club
- Discussion Group
- Fundraising Update

## 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.

We are also excited to offer even more classes through the OLLI at Carnegie Mellon University this summer. Please take special note of the date/time of these courses as they will differ from our usual schedule.

### June Minis (June 2-27)

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 May 22.**

**REGISTER**

### July Shorts (July 7-11 & 14-18)

July Shorts meet 2-5 times during one of the two weeks, 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 June 23.**

**REGISTER**

### NEW MEMBER 10% DISCOUNT

Are you new to OLLI or thinking about coming back after taking a break? Use one of the buttons below to register for either summer session. A 10% discount will be applied for those who are new or who have not taken classes in five or more years. Click "Choose Lottery Selections" and then log in or create an account. You will see the discount when paying for the semester.

**JUNE MINIS DISCOUNT**

**JULY SHORTS DISCOUNT**

### SPRING FINAL FEEDBACK

The spring [final feedback form](#) is now 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). *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 16.**

### **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 write and mail a check to each SGL.

**SGL Gifts will be accepted through Friday, May 16.**

### **FALL PROPOSALS**

OLLI is currently accepting [study group proposals](#) for the fall. The fall semester will be **Sept. 29-Dec. 5** and classes meet for 7-10 weeks. The submission deadline is **May 4.**

## **LECTURES**

**Registration is required for in-person lectures.** Registration is open via the direct link below or the event page on the [OLLI website events calendar](#). Each registrant may reserve up to two seats. Your name(s) 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. **All spring lectures will be held in-person at OLLI:** 4801 Massachusetts Ave NW. *Please note that if the garage or front doors are locked, you will need to type the four-digit PIN code into the keypad in order to enter. If you're unsure of the PIN code, please refer to your lecture registration confirmation email.*



## TODAY'S LECTURE

**Liza Mundy, *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA***

**April 18 | 1:30 PM**

**In-Person at OLLI: Room A**

Liza Mundy is an award-winning journalist and the *New York Times*-bestselling author of five books, including her latest work, *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA* (2023). *The Sisterhood* recounts the true story of the women espionage officers—tough, brilliant, resilient—who helped build the world's foremost spy agency. It received starred reviews from Booklist and Kirkus, which named it one of the most anticipated non-fiction titles of fall 2023.

Her previous book, *Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II* (2017), tells another true story of women's contributions to American intelligence, recounting the lives and legacy of more than 10,000 women recruited to break Axis codes during World War II.

**Mundy's book, *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA*, will be available to purchase immediately following the lecture.**

**REGISTER**

## NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

**Terry Hartle, *American Colleges and Universities: Challenges on the Road Ahead***

**April 25 | 1:30 PM**

**In-Person: **Room 402 (4th floor)** Please note that there will be no hearing loops available for use**



**TERRY HARTLE**

Former senior vice president  
of ACE's Government Relations  
and Public Affairs division



**JONATHAN ALGER**

American University President  
*(Introducing Terry Hartle)*

## AMERICAN COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES: CHALLENGES ON THE ROAD AHEAD

**REFRESHMENTS TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW**



**FRIDAY  
APRIL 25**



**1:30PM to  
2:30PM**



**ROOM 402 - 4TH FLOOR**  
4801 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. NW

### **REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**

[olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) | 202-895-4860

[olli-dc.org/events/042525lecture](https://olli-dc.org/events/042525lecture)

Terry W. Hartle was senior vice president of the American Council on Education's Government Relations and Public Affairs division from 1993 to 2023. At ACE he engaged federal policymakers on issues of student aid, government regulation, scientific research, and tax policy. Prior to joining ACE, he was education staff director for the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources. He also worked at the American Enterprise Institute and the Educational Testing Service. Hartle has authored and co-authored numerous publications and contributes regular book reviews to The Christian Science Monitor. He is a member of Smith College's board of trustees.

**We are pleased to welcome American University President Jonathan Alger, who will be introducing Terry Hartle. Refreshments will be available immediately following the lecture.**

**REGISTER**

# VOLUNTEER

## COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR JUNE MINIS CLASS

The OLLI office is looking for a member who would like to serve as the “OLLI Coordinator” for the upcoming June Minis class titled *Public-Health Prevention Initiatives to Polarization and Extremism in Today's Climate: Building Hope and Resilience*. This 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 these three dates/times, due to speaker availability:

- **Tuesday, June 17 at 9:45-11:15 AM**
- **Tuesday, June 24 at 9:45-11:15 AM**
- **Monday, July 14 at 11:00 AM-12:30 PM**

The OLLI Coordinator needs to be able to attend each class session, but is not registered as an actual class member.

Class Coordinator duties include the following:

- Greet each speaker when they arrive to the classroom
- Introduce each speaker before they begin
- Help pass the hand-held microphone during the Q&A session at the end (if applicable)
- 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](mailto:olli@american.edu) and we will follow up with you.

## OLLI EVENTS





## CIVIC LIFE COMMUNITY SEMINARS

[The Civic Life at American University](#) is offering another special Community Seminar for OLLI members. The Civic Life is President Jonathan Alger's initiative to encourage civic engagement and civil discourse and [the Community Seminar program](#) gives all members of the AU community the opportunity to practice the skills of productive disagreement. The seminar is devoted to a question about which members of the AU community disagree and will be hosted by Professor Ezra Rosser of the Washington College of Law. Registration is required and limited to 12 people.

***Should universities strive to have more conservative students and faculty?***

**Monday, April 21 | 9:45-11:00 AM**

**In-person at OLLI: Room 1**

**REGISTER**



### **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ARBORETUM TOUR**

**Friday, May 16 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**American University Campus**

**Meeting Point: [School of International Service](#) on Nebraska Ave. NW**

**Registration Required for up to 25 people**

American University's (AU) campus is far more than bricks and mortar. Over the past two decades, the entire 84-acre campus of American University (AU) has been transformed into an award-winning and accredited arboretum and public garden. The welcoming main entrance to the campus, the meandering walkway traversing the rolling landscape, the layering of trees in composition with ornamental plantings, combination of shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses, bulbs interwoven with areas of sculpted lawn – all combine to create a model urban campus.

Landscape Architect Michael Mastrota, Arboretum Manager for AU, who led this transformation will guide our group on a tour highlighting the

innovations that changed a commuter campus into an inspirational experience.

**REGISTER**

### MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION WEEK

We hope that you all had the opportunity to enjoy Member Appreciation Week last week. Thank you to everyone who made it such a great success! We would like to give a special shout-out to Jeff Porter, OLLI's Social Chair, and his committee for keeping the Social Space awash in sweet and savory treats throughout the week. Special kudos to Keller Shinholser, Tammy Belden, and Harriet Dwinell for sharing their baking talents by supplying homemade cookies and treats. We capped off the week with sandwich rolls and a very successful Annual Meeting.



### BLOOMSDAY 2025—BE A READER!

The 2025 OLLI Bloomsday Celebration will take place at OLLI in room A on **Monday, June 16 at 3:30 PM**. This year we will read some passages from James Joyce and other authors who shared his taste for disruption, incongruity, and humor. If you would like to be a reader, please contact the event organizer, Bob Kolodney, at [bobkolive@gmail.com](mailto:bobkolive@gmail.com).

## OLLI HAPPENINGS

### HAPPY HOUR

A happy hour will take place at Pizzeria Paradiso each Friday after the lecture, at about 2:45 PM, including today, April 18. There is space for up to 25 people. Each person pays their own way.

**REGISTER**



OLLI Lunch Club will hold its next luncheon on **Monday, April 21** at 12:15 PM at Millie's Restaurant across the street from OLLI. There is space for up to 12 people. Each person pays their own way. Click the button below to reserve your spot.

With the first 100 days of this administration coming up, we will be discussing some of the most significant changes that are in the works. With so many changes, there is a lot of information out there. If you want to share your information or your opinions, come join OLLI's Current Events and Policy study group leaders, Jeff Porter and David Callet, for a discussion about the current administration's policies. This is an informal gathering of up to 50 people to discuss these topics. This is a free event open to all OLLI members; registration is required, and refreshments will be provided by OLLI board member and Social Committee Chair, Jeff Porter.

Thank you to the donors who have helped us reach 19% of our record-breaking goal of a 28% membership participation rate! We need just 25 more donors to fill in the next figure and 140 more to fill in the remaining.



### **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*.

**Web:** [www.oli-dc.org](http://www.oli-dc.org) | **Phone:** 202-895-4860 | **E-mail:** [oli@american.edu](mailto:oli@american.edu)

**Location:** 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

**Mail:** 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW | Washington, DC 20016

*Tony Long, Executive Director*

*Lesley Diaz, Director of Academic Programming*

*Lisa Olson, Director of Operations and Projects*

*Jesse Williams, Operations Manager*

*Amya Bertrand, Programs and Projects Coordinator*

*Annabel McClure, Administrative Coordinator*

This email was sent to {{contact.EMAIL}}  
You've received it because you've subscribed to our newsletter.

[View in browser](#) | [Unsubscribe](#) | [Subscribe](#)