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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

SUMMER AND FALL PROPOSALS

OLLI is currently accepting study group proposals for the [June Minis](#), [July Shorts](#), and the [fall semester](#). The submission deadline is this **Sunday, April 6** for the summer and **Sunday, May 4** for the fall.

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, in room A on the first floor.

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

Charles Trueheart, *Diplomats at War*

April 4 | 1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI: Room A

Charles Trueheart is the author of *Diplomats at War: Friendship and Betrayal on the Brink of the Vietnam Conflict* (University of Virginia Press), winner of the 2024 Douglas Dillon Award for the best book of the year on American diplomacy. He was director of the American Library in Paris from 2007 to 2017. Most of his earlier career was in journalism, including 15 years at the *Washington Post*, first covering book publishing and literary topics, then as a correspondent in Canada and France. Before joining the *Post*, Trueheart was associate director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University and director of the Kennedy School of Government's Public Affairs Forum.

Trueheart's book, *Diplomats at War: Friendship and Betrayal on the Brink of the Vietnam Conflict*, will be available for purchase immediately following the lecture.

REGISTER

NO LECTURE NEXT WEEK

Please note that next Friday, April 11, there will not be a weekly lecture. Instead, please join us for OLLI's Annual Meeting. See below for more

Please note that registration for our April 25 lecture is now open.



APRIL 25 LECTURE

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

April 25

1:30 PM

In-Person: Room 402 (4th floor)

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. A short reception will be held immediately following the lecture.

REGISTER

OLLI EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

Join us for OLLI's Annual Meeting on Friday, April 11 at 1:30 PM. Board candidates will give brief remarks to introduce themselves. Online balloting will begin after the meeting concludes and election results will be announced May 2.

There will also be remarks from OLLI leadership and members about the current state of OLLI at AU. Time for your questions and comments is an integral part of the Annual Meeting, so we hope you will join us.

The meeting format is hybrid and will take place both in room A on the first floor and online via Zoom. **Registration is required for in-person attendees.** The Zoom link will be included in next Friday's newsletter.

REGISTER



CIVIC LIFE COMMUNITY SEMINARS

[The Civic Life at American University](#) is offering two special Community Seminars 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. Each seminar is devoted to a question about which members of the AU community disagree. The seminars at OLLI will be hosted by Professor Ezra Rosser of the Washington College of Law. Registration is required and limited to 12 people.

Should universities have complete freedom of expression? If not, what should the limits be?

Monday, April 7 | 9:45-11:00 AM

In-person at OLLI: Room 1

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Should universities strive to have more conservative students and faculty?

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

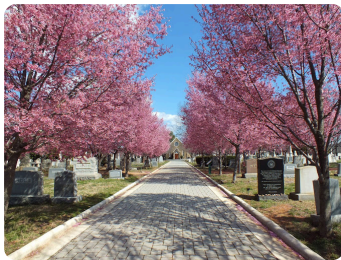
In-person at OLLI: Room 1

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MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK

Next week, April 7-11, will be Member Appreciation Week at OLLI! Each day, we will have refreshments available 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



The Congressional Cemetery Tour

Saturday, April 26 | 1:00-2:30 PM

1801 E St SE

Registration Required

Tickets \$10/person | No Refunds

Join us on a docent led tour of the Congressional Cemetery, officially the **Washington Parish Burial Ground**, a historic and active cemetery located in SE DC on the west bank of the Anacostia River. It is the only American "cemetery of national memory" founded before the Civil War. Over 65,000 individuals are buried or memorialized at the cemetery, including many who helped form the nation and Washington, DC, in the early 19th century.

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OLLI HAPPENINGS

HAPPY HOURS

A happy hour will take place at Pizzeria Paradiso each Friday after the lecture, at about 2:45 PM, including today, April 4. There is space for up to 25 people. Each person pays their own way.

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OLLI LUNCH CLUB

OLLI Lunch Club will hold its next luncheon on **Thursday, April 10** 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.

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AU EVENTS

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#2025SineFellow and Nobel Prize Laureate **Nadia Murad (CAS/BA '24)** presents:

How to Avoid Retraumatization of Survivors, Shame, and Stigma



Featuring Special Guest
Simone Monasebian
Chief Program Officer
Sanctuary for Families

April 9th, 2025
4:00 PM ET
Kerwin Hall 301



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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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