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AU HIGHLIGHT

THE INAUGURATION OF JONATHAN ALGER

OLLI at American University congratulates Jonathan Alger as he is officially inaugurated as AU's 16th president today. President Alger previously spent 12 years as president at James Madison University where he created and

implemented a strategic plan focused on engaged learning, community engagement, and civic engagement. He is a nationally recognized scholar and speaker on higher education policy and law and will attend an upcoming OLLI lecture on April 25 about the future of higher education in America. We look forward to introducing President Alger to the OLLI at AU community and wish him the very best as he leads American University in its next chapter.

[Click here](#) to read **President Alger's full bio** and [click here](#) to read his **recent letter to the AU community**.

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MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



ELEANOR'S UNSUNG HEROES

Check out the NPR "My Unsung Hero" article that features OLLI member, Eleanor Heginbotham. When Eleanor's car broke down on New Year's Eve, a kind group of strangers jumped in to help.

[READ MORE](#)

OLLI SGL BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Join OLLI SGL Lisa Friedman in celebrating the release of her new book! A spring launch party will be hosted by Lisa's publisher on May 18th at The Cordell in Bethesda.

[REGISTER](#)

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 **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

Lance George, *Manufactured Homes: Affordable Housing Solution?...Or Trap?*

March 28 | 1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI: Room A

Lance George is the Director of Research and Information at the Housing Assistance Council. With more than 20 years of experience, Lance leads the organization's research, data, and information efforts. He works at the intersection of housing, research, and data to help Americans who have quality and safe homes, understand and care about those who do not. Lance's research encompasses a wide array of issues and topics related to demographics and housing. *A displaced Kentuckian, who currently splits his time between Washington, DC and Minnesota, Lance embodies the adage, "Northern Charm and Southern Efficiency."*

REGISTER



NEXT WEEK'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.

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OLLI EVENTS



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

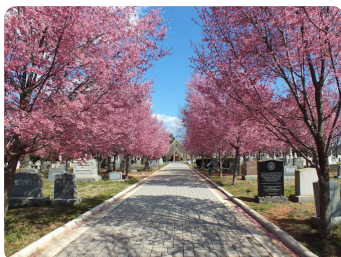
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Should universities strive to have more conservative students and faculty?

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

In-person at OLLI: Room 1

REGISTER



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, March 28. There is space for up to 25 people. Each person pays their own way.

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



2025 Amos Perlmutter Memorial Lecture

"Confronting Environmental Challenges for Israelis and Palestinians in Times of War"

by Professor Alon Tal



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2025 AMOS PERLMUTTER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Monday, March 31 | 7:00 PM | Registration Required

American University's Butler Board Room

Please join the AU School of Public Affairs and Meltzer Schwartzberg Center for Israel Studies for the 2025 Amos Perlmutter Memorial Lecture by Dr. Alon Tal, Israeli environmentalist, academic and politician. Dr. Tal will discuss sustainability challenges of the region, the profound environmental implications of the Gaza war on the future, and possible visions that can lead beyond the prevailing painful and destructive dynamics.

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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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