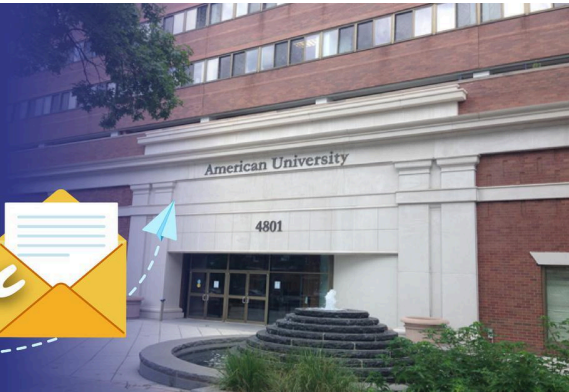


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MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

BEVERLY LOGAN'S ART SHOW

Join SGL Beverly Logan as she hosts a small art show in Dupont Circle!

ESSENCE OF PLACE

BEVERLY LOGAN



Studio Gallery
2108 R Street NW

May 21-June 14
Wed-Fri 1pm-6pm
Saturday 11am-6pm

Opening Reception
May 24 3pm-6pm

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

OLLI
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JUNE MINIS & JULY SHORTS
IN-PERSON & ONLINE

"Where Curiosity Never Retires"

MINIS • JUNE 2-27 • LOTTERY: MAY 22

SHORTS • JULY 7-11 & 14-18 • LOTTERY: JUNE 23

VIEW COURSES AT WWW.OLLI-DC.ORG

The 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 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.

The courses offered through the OLLI at CMU are noted in their description.

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 today, 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 today, Friday, May 16.

LECTURES

NEXT WEEK'S LECTURES



Carolina Jimenéz

Sandoval, *Human Rights in Latin America*

Wednesday, May 21 | 10:30-11:30 AM

Online via Zoom

Carolina Jiménez Sandoval is the President of the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA). She has over 20 years of experience in research and advocacy for human rights in the Americas and throughout the world. She guides WOLA's team to achieve strategic impact in social justice and human rights.

Prior to WOLA, she served for almost seven years as Deputy Research Director for the Americas with Amnesty International in Mexico City, leading a team of researchers documenting human rights violations and designing advocacy strategies. She is a frequent contributor in English and Spanish to media outlets and publications in Latin America, the US, and Europe, including the Washington Post, the New York Times, PBS, CNN, BBC, The Guardian,

and others. She is a national of both Venezuela and Mexico.



**Josh Stewart, *Nonprofit*
Alternatives in Banking and
*Housing***

**Friday, May 23 | 10:30-11:30 AM
Online via Zoom**

Joshua Stewart is Director of Federal Policy & Advocacy at the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises (FAHE). He helps local member groups have their voices heard in Washington, DC. He has more than ten years of experience analyzing and changing federal policy on poverty, housing issues, homelessness, and community/economic development.

Before joining FAHE in 2019, Joshua was with the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) from 2013 to 2019. His portfolio there included congressional and governmental relations, policy development, and advocacy-focused communications. The common theme of his career has been the drive to educate: to inform Congress and other policymakers of the reality of the situation in the field, to insert experts from the community into national policy discussions, and to highlight to policymakers that there are bipartisan solutions to seemingly intractable social problems.

Reservations are not required for online lectures. We will send the Zoom link the morning of each lecture to those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter. If you do not receive the

newsletter and would like to attend,
please join the email list [here](#).

VOLUNTEER

JOIN THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

OLLI's Curriculum Committee is looking for two new members who have a background or interest in the subject areas below:

- 700s - History & Geography
- 800s - Philosophy, Religion, & Spirituality

The Curriculum Committee is responsible for OLLI's core mission of providing members with the highest caliber of courses. Committee members plan and review the academic programming for the fall and spring semesters and the February Shorts; recruit study group leaders; and solicit proposals in their subject area. Members attend six meetings a year (Sept.-May) and work outside of meetings on study group leader recruitment.

An orientation is provided for new committee members. If you're interested in being considered for this volunteer role, or have any questions, please email olli@american.edu or call the office at (202) 895-4860.

OLLI EVENTS

SERENDIPITY TALK

Ed Linz, *So You Want to be a Writer?*

Monday, June 2 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Online via Zoom

Have you ever, like many of us, found yourself wanting to be an author? Join our discussion as we begin with your initial idea and follow various routes to publication. We will consider many different genres and formats (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, textbook, technical, essays, etc.). By the end of our interactive session, you will have the tools to research your idea and transform it into words. Hopefully, you will then be prepared for the HARD part: getting your work published. We will discuss various avenues to do so, and the challenges associated with each. We will also consider different avenues to market your work. Bring your ideas, your problems, and your enthusiasm to write!!

Ed Linz, a 1965 graduate of the Naval Academy, is the author of six books, including recent works on the Great Depression and the Vietnam War. He holds advanced degrees from Oxford University and George Mason University and lives

in Maine and Virginia. He was the recipient of a heart transplant in 1994. He is a native of Northern Kentucky.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of the talk. If you do not receive the newsletter and would like to attend, please join the email list at https://www.oli-dc.org/join_email_list.

SGL APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Yesterday we held a luncheon for our February and spring Study Group Leaders. Marianne Soponis, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, did a fantastic job organizing and hosting this event for our SGLs. It was a treat to see new faces and reconnect with some of our seasoned SGLs, some of whom have been teaching with us for 20-plus years! We also got to hear from our Executive Director, Tony Long, and Board Chair, David Flaxman, who both expressed our infinite gratitude for the hard work SGLs do. We thank our SGLs for their generosity of time, talent, and passion—they are the heart of our OLLI at AU community.



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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