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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



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

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 this **Sunday, May 4.**

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.

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

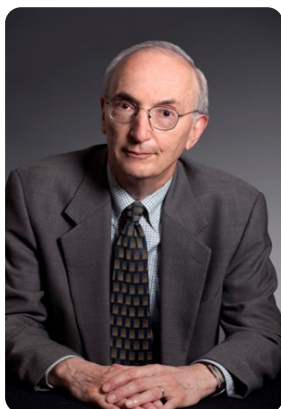
Alexa Chopivsky, *A Generational Battle for our Shared Future: The Necessity to the West of a Free, Secure, and Prosperous Ukraine*

May 2 | 1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI: Room A

Alexa Chopivsky is the Executive Director of the Women's Foreign Policy Group. Previously, as the inaugural Executive Director of Ukraine House Davos, Ms. Chopivsky led the creation and elevation of Ukraine's country investment promotion platform alongside the World Economic Forum, both before and after the war. She serves as deputy Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board at Ukraine Invest and was an adviser to the Minister of Economic Development, Trade, and Agriculture of Ukraine. Since 2012, she has served as the Director of the Program on the World Economy at the Aspen Institute. Ms. Chopivsky is the Founder of Transnational Education Group and served as Executive Director of the American Center for a European Ukraine. She currently serves on the boards of Teach for Ukraine, the Orchestra of the Americas Group, and Ukrainian Freedom Fund.

REGISTER



NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Robert J. Lieber, *Is the US Still Indispensable?*

May 9 | 1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI: Room A

Robert J. Lieber is Professor Emeritus of Government and International Affairs at Georgetown University where he previously served as Chair of the Government Department and Interim Chair of Psychology. He is author or editor of 18 books on international relations and US

foreign policy and has been an advisor to presidential campaigns, to the State Department, and to the drafters of US National Intelligence Estimates. His latest book is *Indispensable Nation: American Foreign Policy in a Turbulent World*, published in 2022 by Yale University Press. His other recent books include *Retreat and Its Consequences: American Foreign Policy and the Problem of World Order* (Cambridge University Press, 2016); and *Power and Willpower in the American Future: Why the United States Is Not Destined to Decline* (Cambridge, 2012).

Lieber's book, *Indispensable Nation: American Foreign Policy in a Turbulent World*, will be available for purchase 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 and we will follow up with you.

OLLI EVENTS



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

A happy hour will take place at Pizzeria Paradiso today, May 2, after the lecture. There is space for up to 25 people. Each person pays their own way.

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APRIL 25 LECTURE

Below are some photos from our lecture last Friday! Thank you to Terry Hartle and AU President, Jonathan Alger, for taking the time to speak to our OLLI members.



OLLI INTERN LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, OLLI hosted an appreciation luncheon for our wonderful interns! A very big thank you to them all. OLLI wouldn't be the same without their help and support!



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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