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UPDATES

HOLIDAY HOURS AND REMOTE WORK

Please note that the OLLI staff will be working remotely from **Friday, May 23 through Wednesday, May 28**. The office will be closed on **Monday, May 26** in observance of Memorial Day. We will still be reachable by phone and email during operating hours.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

BUCK BEASOM'S OLLI AT AU VISIT

Last Friday, we had the opportunity to show SGL Buck Beasom around our OLLI facilities. Buck teaches his classes online from his home in Florida, so it was wonderful to meet him while he was in town!



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

JUNE MINIS INFORMATION

Registration

Although the June lottery took place yesterday, there is still **plenty of time to register for classes!** June Minis (June 2-27) meet once a week for four weeks, either in-person or online. Members can select up to three courses before the lottery for \$100. Now that the lottery has passed, you can add a fourth class by logging into your account online. **The deadline to add/drop classes or request a refund is Friday, June 6.**

REGISTER

June Books

Most June books are available through Politics and Prose book store at 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008. Politics and Prose offers OLLI

members a 10% discount on books for courses. Below is a list of June books that are not available at Politics and Prose, are available only as pay-to-order, or are available but without discount.

Not Available

1700 Manifest Destiny in US History 2.0: Polk's, McKinley's, and Trump's Ambitions for Expansion - *Manifest Destiny & American Territorial Expansion: A Brief His. w. Documents*

1820 Medical Qigong - *The Healing Art of Qi Gong: Ancient Wisdom from a Modern Master*

No Discount

1610 Aeschylus: The Oresteia - *Aeschylus II: The Oresteia*

1830 Late Classical Chinese Philosophy - *Han Fei Tzu: Basic Writings* and *Hsun Tzu: Basic Writings*

JUNE MINIS SGR MEETING

OLLI will be having a meeting for June Minis SGRs on **Friday, May 30 at 11:00 AM, online via Zoom**. This meeting will explain the SGR duties in detail and be an opportunity to ask questions.

A meeting reminder and Zoom link will be sent to SGRs once they're identified for this upcoming academic session. Please plan to attend if you have not previously served as an SGR. If you have any questions, please email the office at olli@american.edu.

CLASSES STILL OPEN

Below are some June Minis that still have plenty of space to enroll! Click on the "view more info" link after each abbreviated description to find out more and/or register!

1230: Polarization in America: Strategies and Solutions - Polarization and political extremism have become major issues in the United States. PERIL is a project that is housed at American University. It designs, tests and develops tools and strategies that effectively reduce the threat of radicalization to harmful online and offline content including conspiracy theories, mis/disinformation, propaganda, and supremacist ideologies. The work has innovative approaches that address hate, bias, and radicalization before they result in violent extremism. [View more info](#).

1400: Climate Change: Causes, Effects, and Responses - This course will look at climate changes, starting with the causes. It will then delve into the effects and responses by individuals and organizations. It will pay special attention to facets of renewable energy and energy conservation. [View more info.](#)

1760: Writing Systems in East Asia - The course begins with the origin of Chinese "characters" from the "oracle bone" writing first recognized in 1899, through standardization in the 3rd c. BCE, and the evolution of later calligraphic styles. Next, we look at the adoption of Chinese characters in Korea, Vietnam, and Japan and how each area developed its own indigenous writing system. The course concludes by examining how these systems responded to the political requirements of the 20th century. [View more info.](#)



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

LECTURES

TODAY'S LECTURE CANCELLED

Today's lecture by Josh Stewart, *Thinking Outside the Credit Box: Nonprofit Alternatives to Consumer & Community Lending*, has been **cancelled** due to a family emergency. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope to reschedule it in the future.



NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Colin Hines, *A UK and European View of 2025 Chaos in the US*

Friday, May 30 | 10:30-11:30 AM

Online via Zoom

Colin Hines is a co-founder of and helps convene the Green New Deal group. He is also a Co-Director of Finance for the Future and is an occasional advisor to Green Party MP, Caroline Lucas. He worked at Greenpeace International for ten years, where he campaigned against nuclear power and was the Coordinator of its International Economics Unit. Colin helped to form the grassroots NGO, Localize West Midlands, and is the author of *Localization: A Global Manifesto* (2000) and *Progressive Protectionism* (2017). He is also the author of *Art Deco London* (2003).

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](#).

SERENDIPITY TALK

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

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

Online via Zoom

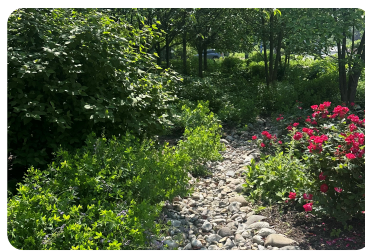
Have you ever, like many of us, found yourself wanting to be an author? Join our discussion as we begin with your initial idea and follow various routes to publication. We will consider many different genres and formats (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, textbook, technical, essays, etc.). By the end of 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.

AU ARBORETUM TOUR

OLLI members had a wonderful time touring the highly praised AU Arboretum last Friday, with Landscape Architect Michael Mastrota, Arboretum Manager for AU. After 29 years working with AU, Mr. Mastrota will be retiring later this month. OLLI members were fortunate to explore the captivating landscapes, memorials, and the history of the 84-acre campus on a beautiful spring day. If you have not yet strolled through the stunning campus, it is highly recommended and open to the public. Thank you to all who attended and to OLLI's Trip Coordinator, Elena Vejarano for coordinating this wonderful tour!



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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