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2024-2025 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

On behalf of the OLLI at AU Board of Directors, membership, and staff, we congratulate Stuart Frisch, who was reelected to the Board, and we congratulate and welcome Ellen Babby, Lisa Harper, and Lesley Rubinger, who were newly elected. We extend our gratitude to the Nominating Committee for all their hard work, and thank you to everyone who participated in the election.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATING PICTURE BOOKS FIELD TRIP

Karen Buglass and her class members from Celebrating the Art and Words of Picture Books took a field trip to the Library of Congress. Curator Mark Mandivong prepared a room full of moveable, theater and tunnel books to explore!



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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Scan for new member discount!

OLLI at AU

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 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. *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

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

MAY LECTURE SERIES

We are excited to announce the speakers for our upcoming May lecture series, which will be held online via Zoom. **Reservations are not required for online lectures.** We will send the Zoom link the morning of each lecture to those subscribed to the newsletter.

We thank the Lecture Committee and all those who suggested and contacted speakers: Ellen Babby, Joe Belden (Chair), Tamara Belden, Helen Blank, Jim Blasiak, Ethan Buyon, Edward Cohen, Martha Cutts, Lisa Harper, Dave Hensler, Jeanne Kent, Lynn Lewis, Mark Nadel, Irvin Nathan, Marc Pearl, Diane Renfroe, and Paul Vamvas.



Carolina Jiménez

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 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.



Colin Hines, *The Green New Deal*
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).

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

OLLI HAPPENINGS

HAPPY HOUR

A final spring semester happy hour will take place at Pizzeria Paradiso today, May 9, after the lecture at approximately 2:45 PM. There is space for up to 25 people. Each person pays their own way.

REGISTER

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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