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REMINDERS

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We follow American University's weather policy. If AU has a delayed opening, online OLLI classes will still be held. If an in-person or hybrid OLLI class is scheduled, and AU has a delayed opening, 9:45 AM classes are cancelled and the 11:45 AM and 1:45 PM classes are held. If AU is closed, OLLI is also closed and all classes are cancelled.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

FEBRUARY SHORTS

The second week of February Shorts begins on Monday, February 10. **As a reminder, please only attend the classes for which you are registered.**

Below is important information on the Shorts courses.

IMPORTANT SHORTS INFORMATION



Hearing Loops

All of the classrooms at OLLI have hearing loops installed. "Hearing loops" are state-of-the-art "Listening Assistive" technology. There are three main parts to a hearing loop: the wire that is installed around and across the room, a microphone, and a transceiver (which picks up and amplifies the sound from the microphone). The system both amplifies the speaker's voice and suppresses background noise. We urge everyone who has hearing loss to take advantage of the hearing loops. The sound is remarkable. It's as if the person speaking is sitting right next to you.

Access Your Online Class

If you accidentally delete the daily e-mail with your class Zoom link, or cannot find it again, you can access the Zoom link for each of your classes by logging into your OLLI member account on the website. The first page to come up will be your account page, which lists your classes (see image below). Under each class you will find the Zoom link for that class. Click the link to go into your class at the specified time. If you leave this page and need to get back, simply click your name (hyperlinked in blue) at the top of the page. **For tips and instructions on how to use Zoom, [click here](#).**

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Overview

Thank you for choosing your lottery selections. You'll find a summary of your study groups below. If you'd like to volunteer with OLLI, please [update your volunteer interests](#).

MY SPRING 2024 STUDY GROUPS

Registration for Spring 2024 Study Groups ends 3/15/2024
[View All Study Groups](#)

You may register for up to 4 study groups. You have 2 choices remaining.

[Add a Study Group](#)

Click on
Zoom link
here

Study Group	Status	I want to:
137: Church and State Under the Constitution and the Courts Thursdays 1:45 — 3:15 PM Class Format: In-Person	Registered	Drop this class
158: AU School of International Service — Foreign Policy Challenges for the Year Ahead Thursdays 9:45 — 11:15 AM Class Format: Online Zoom URL: https://ollidc.org/zoom.us/j/92026397468?pwd=WnJLZ3hKR0YyZWl0K1BZUXU1T09	Registered	Drop this class

February Classroom Assignments

2025 FEBRUARY SHORTS ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

9:45 AM

RM SHORTS COURSE

DATES

A	The Chatbot Revolution	Feb. 3-5
5	Cutting the Cord: Streaming Alternatives to Cable TV	Feb. 6-7
5	Sharpen Your Creative Thinking and Problem Solving Skills	Feb. 3-5
3	The Fall of the Berlin Wall and German Unification	Feb. 3-7
A	A User's Guide to Heart and Brain Health	Feb. 10-13
1	Poetry Workshop in the Mystic Tradition	Feb. 10-14
5	"It's the flu . . . just the flu"	Feb. 10-13

11:45 AM

RM SHORTS COURSE

DATES

A	Instruments of the Orchestra	Feb. 3-6
1	The Right to Control How We Die	Feb. 3, 5 & 7
2	Creating a Local Healthy Ecosystem	Feb. 6-7
5	Notre-Dame de Paris	Feb. 3, 5 & 7
6	Vintage Roots: Uncovering Spain's History Through Wine	Feb. 3-4
A	The Maltese Falcon and the Growth of Film Noir	Feb. 10-13
1	The History and Evolution of Our State Capitol Buildings	Feb. 10-12
2	Learning German Irregular Verbs	Feb. 10-14
3	1970-75 Turbulent Times	Feb. 10-12
4	Children's Book Workshop	Feb. 10-13
5	Contemporary Issues: Is the Past Prologue?	Feb. 10-13
6	Reality, Locality, and Causality	Feb. 10-12

1:45 PM

RM SHORTS COURSE

DATES

1	Winter Studio—Simplify Your Painting	Feb. 3-6
3	The Development of Capitalism and Socialism	Feb. 3-5
5	Transformation of Major League Baseball: 1946-1976	Feb. 3-5
6	Do Only the Rich Have Trusts? Key Strategies...	Feb. 3-4
A	How to Listen to Jazz	Feb. 10-13
2	Cartooning: The Lost Art	Feb. 10, 12-14
5	Origin and Evolution of the English Language	Feb. 10-13
6	Discussion of Liana Millu's <i>Smoke Over Birkenau</i>	Feb. 10, 12 & 14

Room A is on the first floor.

All other classrooms and the OLLI office are on the 5th floor.

Class Handouts and Recordings

Most classes during the February Shorts and spring semester will be recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all class recordings for that session. [February Shorts recordings](#), as well as [February Shorts handouts](#), will be listed under "Classes," then "Shorts" on the OLLI website (see image below). Spring recordings will be listed under

"Classes," then "Semesters/Minis." Each day's recordings during the Shorts are added the same day. You must first [log into your member account](#) in order to view the recordings. Recordings are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of each session.



SHORTS FEEDBACK AND SGL GIFTS

Feedback

Please take a few minutes to submit feedback about each of your Shorts courses this week. The feedback form is available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Shorts." [Click here](#) for a direct link to the page.

Your feedback is an important part of being a member of a learning community. Whether the feedback praises an SGL for a job well done and/or offers constructive suggestions that might help the SGL, it is a demonstration of your support for our SGLs and OLLI program and is greatly appreciated. **As always, if you have suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.**

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 collect all gifts and write a check to each SGL.

Feedback and SGL gifts will be accepted through **Friday, February 21.**

SPRING SEMESTER

The spring semester is March 3-May 9. Courses meet for a varying length of time (see each study group for the number of weeks). The membership fee is \$330 and allows you to sign up for three courses in the lottery. After the lottery, when you have received your class assignment letter, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account.

Make sure to register before the spring lottery on Wednesday, February 19.

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)

NEW MEMBER 10% DISCOUNT

Are you new to OLLI or thinking about coming back after taking a break? Use the button below to register for the spring semester. 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.

[NEW MEMBER DISCOUNT](#)

CATALOG CHANGES

Below are changes made to classes after the catalog went to print. Class changes are also available on the [spring catalog changes](#) page of the OLLI website and are updated as they occur.

Spring Class Changes

113 Shakespeare and Politics: CANCELLED

476 Practical Primary Care Medicine: Will now meet for seven weeks

725 Red Sea: Exploring the Waterway Uniting and Dividing Africa and the Middle East: will now start on Wednesday, March 12

[VOLUNTEER](#)

[SUMMER CURRICULUM COMMITTEE](#)

OLLI's Summer Curriculum Committee is looking for an OLLI member with an interest in helping recruit new and previous study group leaders (instructors) for the June Minis and July Shorts.

The Summer Curriculum Committee, just as our regular standing Curriculum Committee, is responsible for OLLI's core mission of providing members with the highest caliber of courses. Committee members actively seek out new study group leaders and solicit proposals from previous ones. They acknowledge receipt of summer study group proposals, offer any suggestions of improvement/edits, and communicate with and support study group leaders to ensure a successful experience.

Committee members attend two meetings, one in early February and one in March, and work from home from February-April. Members preferably have interest and/or experience in at least one of the subject areas.

An orientation is provided for new committee members. If you're interested in being considered for this volunteer role, or have any questions, please e-mail olli@american.edu.

OLLI EVENTS

SERENDIPITY! TALK

Dan Moskowitz, *Music That Mirrors the Spirit of Its Times: The Past Nine Decades*

Thursday, February 13 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Online via Zoom

On what will be his 90th birthday, Dan Moskowitz will lead us on a journey of popular songs from the past decades that embodied some of the zeitgeist of their era, from Rudy Vallee's Depression era "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime" to Beyoncé's 2016 "Formation."

For more than ten years, magazine writer Dan Moskowitz has led courses and delivered Serendipity! talks at OLLI at AU about many aspects of American popular music.

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



SPRING WINE AND CHEESE WELCOMER

Wednesday, February 12 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Spring Valley Café, 6th Floor

\$15/person | Registration Required | No Refunds

OLLI Facilities Tour at 3:15 PM

Join us for an in-person spring semester wine and cheese welcome event! Various wines and hors d'oeuvres will be served. New to OLLI? A tour of the OLLI facilities will also be given at 3:15 PM on the fifth floor by the elevators.

Attendance is limited to the first 120 members that register. **The deadline for registration is tomorrow.**

[**MORE INFO/REGISTER**](#)

OLLI DISCUSSION GROUP ON ELECTION ISSUES

Tuesday, February 11 | 1:45-3:15 PM

Wednesday, February 12 | 9:45 AM-11:15 PM

6th Floor, Room 603

Reservation Required | Limited to 45 people each

With the election behind us and three weeks into the new administration, we will be discussing some of the most significant changes that are in the works. With so many changes, there is a lot of information out there. If you want to share your information or your opinions, come join OLLI's Current Events and Policy study group leaders, Jeff Porter and David Callet, for a discussion about the current administration's policies. This is an informal gathering of up to 45 people to discuss these topics. This is a free event open to all OLLI members; registration is required and refreshments will be provided by Jeff Porter.

[**REGISTER FOR FEB 11**](#)

[**REGISTER FOR FEB 12**](#)

THE MARKET AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Join OLLI in continuing to support the Market at AU. American University offers the Market Food Pantry, providing free groceries and limited personal-care items to help students experiencing food insecurity. Donations are needed now more

than ever. Find a list of items the AU Market needs on their [Amazon Wishlist](#), or view the general list of Market needs [here](#). **There is a box in the Social Space and outside the OLLI office to collect any donations from OLLI members.**

AU EVENTS

SINE INSTITUTE
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Join #2025SineFellow **Tara Palmeri**
(SOC/BA '08) for her first #SineSeminar:

A Democratic Reckoning: How Democrats Lost the Blue Wall



With Special Guest
U.S. Rep. **Brendan Boyle**
(PA-02)



Feb. 10th, 2025
5:00 PM ET
MGC 305

[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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