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UPDATES

HOLIDAY HOURS

Thanksgiving

OLLI will be **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 26, through Friday, November 28. No classes will be held on those days. **Monday and Tuesday classes will still meet, unless otherwise specified by the SGL.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT IN SPRING MUSIC CLASS

Join Mark Stevens, Gary Eakes, Marcia Clemmitt, John Hill, and Larry Gondelman in presenting one session in our latest collaborative class to be offered this spring: **"Cities That Created the American Sound."**

Each week a different presenter will focus on one city's contribution to the peculiarly American music genre associated with that city. Possibilities include Chicago Blues, New Orleans Jazz, Memphis Soul, Detroit and Motown, Nashville and Country, The Sounds of Philadelphia, New York Doo Wop, L.A. Laurel Canyon Sound, Seattle Grunge Rock, and many others. The class will combine the music of the city with some of the city's history and culture that played a role in the evolution of the musical style.

This is a wonderful opportunity for members to dip their toe into the experience of teaching a class at OLLI. In addition to collaborating with experienced SGLs, you only have to prepare one class. As proposals for the spring semester are due at the end of November, please contact Larry Gondelman at larrygondelman@gmail.com by November 14 if interested.

CALLING ALL FEBRUARY & SPRING PROPOSALS



To propose a study group, click the applicable button below. You will need to log in with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.

February Shorts

February 2-6

Classes meet 2-5 times during one week, either in-person or online.

[PROPOSAL FORM](#)

Spring Semester

March 2-May 8

Classes meet once a week for 7-10 weeks, either in-person or online.

PROPOSAL FORM

Proposal deadline for both: Sunday, November 23

LECTURES

FALL LECTURE SERIES

Fall lectures are being held at OLLI: 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, in Room A on the first floor.



TODAY'S LECTURE

Mary Noé, *The Man Who Shot JP Morgan*

November 14 | 1:30–2:30 PM

Room A

Mary Noé is a lawyer, author, and lecturer and holds the rank of Professor at St. John's University. She has served as an administrative law judge for the New York State Office of Professional Medical Conduct and an Impartial Hearing Officer under a federal law known as Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Noé's book, *The Man Who Shot JP Morgan* will be available for purchase and signing immediately following the lecture.

Space is still available, so registration is encouraged, but not required.

REGISTER



NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Ama Frimpong, CASA's Fight to Protect and Defend our Immigrant Community

November 21 | 1:30–2:30 PM

Room A

Ama Frimpong is the Legal Director of CASA, where she oversees legal services in immigration, employment, and housing, while also contributing to policy advocacy and organizing efforts. CASA plays a leading role in defending immigrant communities, recently spearheading two high-profile legal challenges: the illegal detention and deportation of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, and the birthright citizenship case before the Supreme Court.

In addition to these national efforts, CASA provides daily support to its members, including assistance with citizenship applications and legal defense. The organization also educates immigrants about their constitutional rights and trains citizen volunteers to respond to immigration enforcement actions. With over 173,000 lifetime members, CASA combines human services, community organizing, and advocacy to empower immigrant communities. Founded 40 years ago in response to US intervention in Central America, CASA continues to fight for justice and dignity for immigrants across the United States.

[REGISTER](#)

OLLI EVENTS



BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TOUR

**Friday, November 14 | 1:00–2:00
PM**

**400 Michigan Avenue NE,
Washington, DC 20017
Registration Required**

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)

HAPPY HOURS

A happy hour will take place each Friday after the lecture (about 2:30 PM) at Pizzeria Paradiso across the street from OLLI. There is space for up to 25 people. Each person pays their own way. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

[REGISTER](#)

OLLI LUNCH CLUB

12:15 PM

Millie's Restaurant | Registration Required

[Monday, November 17](#)

The OLLI Lunch Club is holding one more luncheon during the fall semester, at 12:15 PM at Millie's Restaurant across the street from OLLI.

There is space for up to 12 people. Each person pays their own way. **Please register using the link above.**



OLLI HAPPENINGS

OLLI JACKETS

OLLI is selling navy blue fleece jackets with the OLLI logo embroidered in white on the front left. The jackets have a collar, full zip front, and zippered pockets. *Sample jackets in all sizes are available to try on in the hallway outside the office.* The cost per jacket is \$28 and all sales are final, no refunds. Members will be contacted when their jacket is ready to pick up from the OLLI office. Orders will be placed every two weeks.

Order a **women's** jacket [here](#).

Order for a **men's** jacket [here](#).

WOMEN'S



MEN'S



MEDIA

OLLI PODCAST

Rediscover [Curiosity Never Retires](#), OLLI at AU's podcast celebrating the people and ideas that make our community thrive! Each episode features conversations with instructors about their fall courses—what inspires them, what you'll learn, and why their topics spark such curiosity.

Whether you're a longtime member or new to OLLI at AU, Curiosity Never Retires offers the perfect way to sample the range of ideas and personalities that define our learning community. Episodes are available on our website or wherever you listen to podcasts, with more conversations and topics to come!

AU EVENTS

AU MUSIC EVENTS

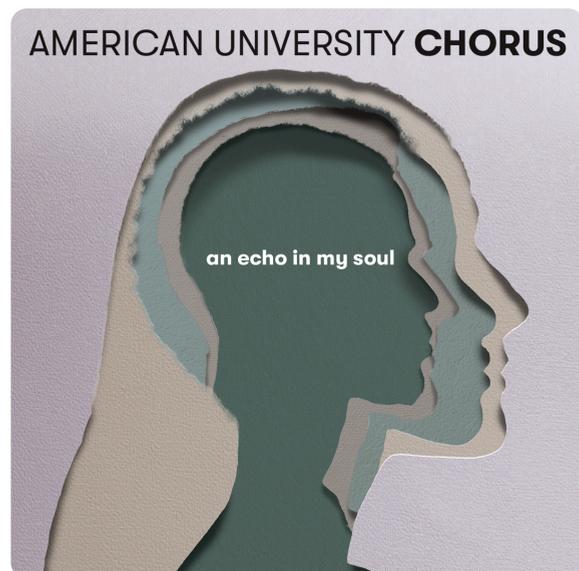
Discover the sounds of AU this November—featuring music events across vocal and instrumental genres. All events are held at the **Katzen Arts Center in Abramson Family Recital Hall**. Tickets are \$10 for seniors (55+), \$15 for the general public. See specific events below.

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)



**AU Jazz Orchestra & Jazz
Combos,
*Fall for Jazz***

November 14 | 7:30 PM



**AU Chorus,
*An Echo in my Soul***

**November 15 | 7:30 PM
November 16 | 3:00 PM**

THE GLOBAL DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE – FROM ELECTION TO GOVERNANCE
 CHILE AT A CROSSROADS: THE 2025 ELECTIONS AND THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY



Louis Goodman

Professor and Dean Emeritus School of International Service; former Visiting Professor Latin American Faculty of the Social Sciences, Santiago, Chile; former Director Woodrow Wilson Center Latin America Program



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Elisa Walker Echenique

Partner, Sarmiento and Walker, Lawyers
 Former legal advisor to Chilean Ministry of Woman and Gender Equality and Chilean Ministry of Labor



Michael Shifter

Latin American Studies Professor Georgetown University; former President Inter-American Dialogue, former Deputy Director Ford Foundation Office, Santiago, Chile



Tuesday, November 18
 3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 SIS Founders Room



REGISTER/MORE INFO

THE GLOBAL DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE – FROM ELECTION TO GOVERNANCE

WHEN AID FADES:
 ASSESSING IMPACTS ON GLOBAL
 DEMOCRACY AND SECURITY

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 Head of North America at International IDEA

Susanna Campbell
 SIS professor
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Wednesday, November 19
 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
 SIS Founders Room

REGISTER/MORE INFO

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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