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HOLIDAY HOURS

OLLI will be **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving next 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. **Please note that there will be no newsletter next Friday.**



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!

With the Thanksgiving holiday upon us, we wanted to express our gratitude and appreciation for our OLLI at AU family. Thank you all for your curiosity, dedication, talent, and generosity! We wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

IN MEMORIAM: SUSAN CROWLEY

It is with great sadness that we announce that Susan Crowley, a long-time and beloved OLLI at AU member passed away on Thursday, November 13. We extend our deepest condolences to Susan's friends and family.

A memorial service will be held to honor Susan on Saturday, December 6 at 11:00 AM at The Sidwell Friends Meeting House on the upper school campus, 3825 Wisconsin Avenue NW.

[Click here](#) to read more information regarding the memorial service.

IN MEMORIAM: STEVEN GILBERT

It is with great sadness that we announce that Steven Gilbert, husband of OLLI at AU member Jane Gilbert, passed away on Wednesday, November 12. We extend our deepest condolences to Jane and Steve's friends and family.

BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR OLLI!

Membership growth is an important part of keeping OLLI strong, and word of mouth is our most effective recruiting tool. As we get ready for February and spring registration, the OLLI membership committee encourages members to tell their friends and neighbors all about OLLI! Encourage them to check out the OLLI website and listen to our podcast series, "[Curiosity Never Retires](#)," where they can learn about our wonderful courses and SGLs. Another way to spread the word is wearing the OLLI jacket; you would be surprised how many people ask you about OLLI. If you know of an apartment complex, village, or community group that might be interested in OLLI, please contact the office. We will provide you with materials you can use to promote our program!

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

RECEIVING PRINT CATALOGS

We are excited to announce that the February Shorts & spring print catalog will be mailed out mid-December.

We have a feature in member accounts that allows you to indicate if you wish not to receive print catalogs in the mail. **If you don't want to receive print catalogs:**

- Log into your member account on the [OLLI website](#)
- Click on your name at the top of the page and then go to "Edit Account" on the left.
- Uncheck the box next to "Receive Print Catalogs." (see image below)

If you wish to continue receiving catalogs, no action is necessary. If you and your spouse both receive catalogs, but just one is sufficient, please log into one of your member accounts and follow the steps above to uncheck the box.

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Publicity Release If this box is checked, you authorize OLLI to use your photo and name in its marketing and publicity.

DO NOT include the following in the OLLI member directory

- My Name
- My Phone
- My Address
- My Email Address

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- [Instructor \(teach a class\)](#)
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RELATIONSHIP TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

If you have or had a relationship with American University, please check one or more of the boxes below to indicate the relationship(s).

FINAL FEEDBACK

The [final feedback form](#) is available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." As always, feedback is anonymous. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.

Final feedback will be accepted through Friday, December 12.

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 mail a check to each SGL.

SGL Gifts will be accepted through Friday, December 12.

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

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.

REGISTER

NO LECTURE NEXT WEEK

Please note that there is no lecture next Friday as OLLI is closed for the holiday.



DECEMBER 5 LECTURE

Jeff Rosen, *Pursuit of Liberty: How Hamilton vs. Jefferson Ignited the Lasting Battle Over Power in America*

December 5 | 1:30–2:30 PM

Room A

Rosen's new book, *Pursuit of Liberty: How Hamilton vs. Jefferson Ignited the Lasting Battle over Power in America*, is out in October 2025. His other books include *New York Times* bestsellers *The Pursuit of Happiness: How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of the Founders and Defined America* and *Conversations with RBG: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Life, Love, Liberty, and Law*, as well as biographies of Louis Brandeis and William Howard Taft.

Rosen's book, *Pursuit of Liberty: How Hamilton vs. Jefferson Ignited the Lasting Battle Over Power in America*, will be available for purchase and signing immediately following the lecture.

[REGISTER](#)

OLLI EVENTS

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](#)

THE OLLI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INVITES YOU TO A

*Holiday
Party*

DECEMBER 4
4:00 - 6:00 PM

WINE & HORS D'OEUVRES
\$25 PER PERSON. NO REFUNDS.

SPRING VALLEY CAFE ON 6TH FLOOR
4801 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. NW

HOLIDAY PARTY

Please register by Wednesday, November 26, 2025. This event is limited to 140 guests.

[REGISTER](#)

OLLI HAPPENINGS

OLLI JACKETS: LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

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.

OLLI jacket orders will close for the semester on Tuesday, November 25. This will be the final jacket order of the semester, so please order before Tuesday to receive a jacket.

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

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

WOMEN'S



MEN'S



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

CHORAL COLLABORATION

David Flaxman, a current SGL and OLLI member, along with with Andrew Smith, OLLI at AU staff member, join the Georgetown Chorale and The Sam Bonds Chorale in celebrating the 125th birthday of beloved poet Langston Hughes with music setting his poetry in song. [Click here](#) for more information and tickets.

HOLD FAST TO DREAMS

THE POETRY OF LANGSTON HUGHES IN SONG
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 7:30 PM

A CHORAL COLLABORATION
FEATURING MARGARET BONDS' *THE BALLAD OF THE BROWN KING*
CHORAL SETTINGS OF LANGSTON HUGHES' POETRY
BY CONTEMPORARY COMPOSERS.

THE GEORGETOWN CHORALE
HEATHER ADELSBERGER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

THE SAM BONDS CHORALE
DR. ANDREW SMITH, FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR

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GEORGETOWN
CHORALE
MUSIC COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

David Flaxman and Andrew Smith will also be featured in the Washington Douglass Chorale's concert, "How Great Our Joy," on December 7. [Click here](#) for more information and tickets.

HOW GREAT
Our Joy

Join us for a concert that embodies the joy,
diversity, and enduring light of Washington,
D.C., in this season of renewal



Sunday, December 7, 2025 | 5:00 PM
Grace Episcopal Church
1607 Grace Church Road, Silver Spring, MD

Standard Section: \$39 | Premium Section: \$59
Half-price for children and students

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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