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# Newsletter



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## UPDATES

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DANIEL MOSKOWITZ

There will be a memorial service held at Temple Micah on Sunday, November 23 at 1:30 PM to honor Daniel Moskowitz, a long-time, beloved study group leader, and OLLI at AU member. Temple Micah is located at 2829 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20007. We extend our deepest condolences to Dan's family and friends.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

### Veteran's Day

The OLLI office will remain **OPEN** on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11. Classes will proceed as scheduled.

### 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.**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OLLI members will elect members to the Board of Directors in April 2026. A nominating committee has been appointed by the Board Chair and approved by the Board of Directors, consisting of Tammy Belden (Committee Chair), John Aldock, Barbara Beizer, Ed Feinberg, and Dave Hensler. We thank the appointed members for serving in this important committee. The committee will send periodic updates and notices to the membership throughout the nominations process.

## 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](mailto: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.

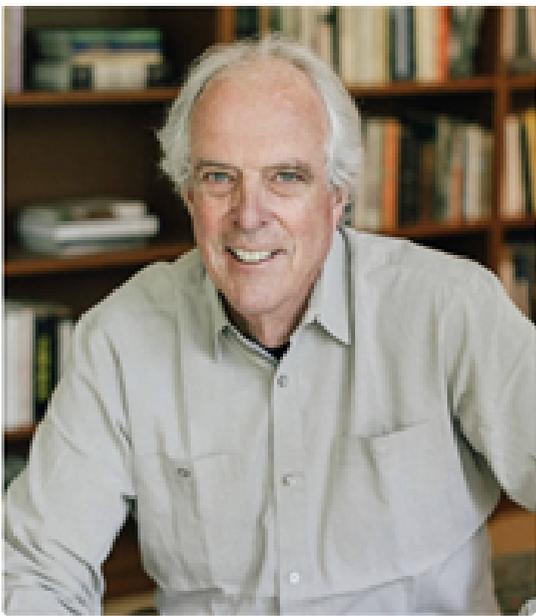
[PROPOSAL FORM](#)

**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

**Christopher Tilghman, *A Writer of Historical Fiction Contemplates the Burdens of History***

**November 7 | 1:30–2:30 PM**

**Room A**

Christopher Tilghman is an award-winning novelist and short story writer, best known for his four-volume Mason's Retreat series, including the final installment, *On the Tobacco Coast*, published in 2024. Set on a historic Maryland farm, the novels explore the intertwined histories of white and Black families across generations. In the context of current debates over American history, Tilghman uses fiction to confront inherited legacies and imagine paths toward understanding.

Tilghman's book, *On the Tobacco Coast* and Mason's Retreat will be available for purchase and signing immediately following the lecture.

**REGISTER**



## NEXT WEEK'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.

**REGISTER**

## OLLI EVENTS



### DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR NEW DEAL PAINTED MURALS TOUR

**CANCELLED**

**Friday, November 14**

Due to the ongoing government shut down, the Department of Interior New Deal Painted Murals Tour has been cancelled. Please see replacement tour below on the same date, but different time.



### 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**

Join us for a one-hour docent-led tour of the [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#). Our tour includes the [Trinity Dome Mosaic](#), the **Great Upper Church** with its numerous mosaics and stained-glass windows,

and the **Crypt Church** which contains more chapels and a museum. Other highlights include over 80 chapels and oratories, the Rosary Walk and Garden, and the Papal Exhibit in Memorial Hall, which features religious artifacts like papal stoles and tiaras.

[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.

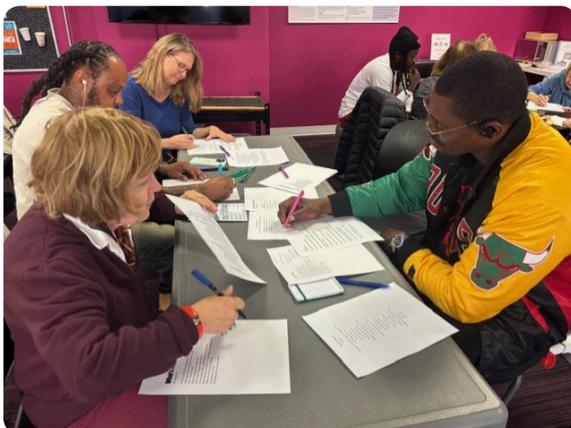
[REGISTER](#)

### FREE MINDS POETRY WRITE DAY

Participants joined OLLI and the local nonprofit Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop in the social space on Thursday for our 7th "Free Minds Poetry Write Day."

Participants were provided a packet of poems written by incarcerated young men to read and provide comments. Ambassadors of the program joined the group to share their impactful stories and how receiving these positive comments in the mail lifted their spirits while incarcerated.

A special thank you to Jenny Pierson for organizing this event, Free Minds for co-sponsoring, and the ambassadors for sharing their stories.





## **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**



## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### UNFINISHED REVOLUTION



**A DAUNTING MISSION**  
The Freedmen's Bureau in Montgomery County  
By Ralph Buglass

#### **AUTHOR AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Ralph Buglass, a current SGL and OLLI member, is the author of a newly published article, "A Daunting Mission: The Freedmen's Bureau in Montgomery County." It is the first article in what will be a series of publications for Montgomery History on the "Unfinished Revolution." Ralph will also be featured as a keynote speaker for the general session at this year's annual Montgomery County History conference on November 8, 2025 at the Germantown campus of Montgomery College. [More info/register.](#)

## YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ART EXHIBITION



TAXI, 2025, 17x22, Photo Collage

### **BEVERLY LOGAN: RE-VISION** November 7, 2025 - January 27, 2026

**Opening Reception: November 7, 2025 6:30-8:00pm**  
RSVP: [pfitzgerald@democraticwoman.org](mailto:pfitzgerald@democraticwoman.org) (202-232-7363)

Woman's National Democratic Club 1526 New Hampshire Avenue NW, DC  
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.  
Call 202-232-7363 to ensure gallery access.

## ART EXHIBITION

Beverly Logan, a current SGL and OLLI member, is hosting an art exhibition at the Women's National Democratic Club from November 7-January 27. **The opening reception is today, November 7 from 6:30-8:00 PM.**

## 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

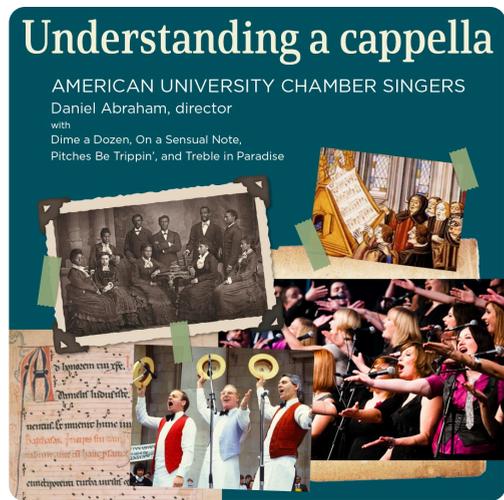
Discover the sounds of AU this November—featuring music events across vocal and instrumental genres. All events are held at the **Katzen Arts Center in Abramson Family Recital Hall**. Tickets are \$10 for seniors (55+), \$15 for the general public. See specific events below.

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)



**AU Symphonic Band, *Vintage Rewind***

**November 8 | 3:00 PM**



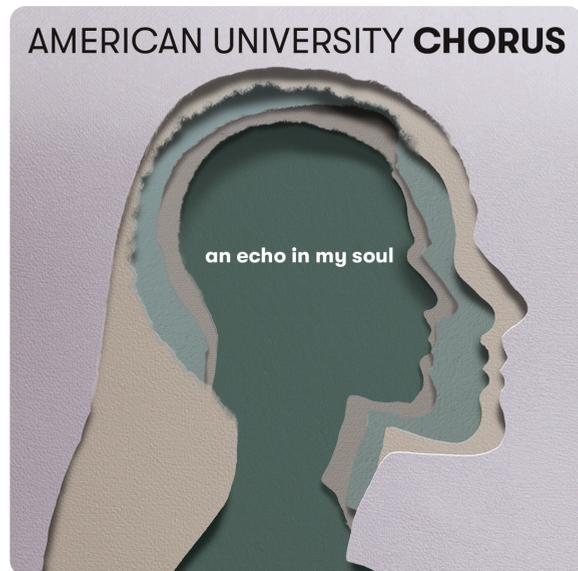
**AU Chamber Singers, *Understanding A Cappella***

**November 8 | 7:30 PM  
November 9 | 3:00 PM**



**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**



DEMOCRACY  
INNOVATION LAB

The Democracy Innovation Lab at the Sine  
Institute of Policy & Politics presents its 2025

# Solution Summit ✓

“Reimagining Education, AI, and Civic Life”

Monday, November 10, 2025  
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Claudio Grossman Hall  
AU Washington College of Law (WCL)

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)

CCPS PRESENTS

## THE THURBER DIALOGUES ON DEMOCRACY THE STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY: CHALLENGES AND GLOBAL RESPONSES



MONDAY, 11/10  
6:30 - 8PM ET



FOUNDERS ROOM  
AU SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



Moderated By

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# AMBASSADORS UP-CLOSE:

SPOTLIGHT ON DENMARK  
AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN SECURITY



Monday, November 10  
4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  
SIS Founders Room



Michelle Egan  
SIS professor



Jesper Møller Sørensen  
Ambassador of Denmark to  
the United States



Garret Martin  
SIS professor

[MORE INFO/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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