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The OLLI office will be closed **Wednesday, December 24–Friday, December 26, Wednesday, January 1, and Monday, January 19** for the holidays. We wish all our members a festive and enjoyable holiday season!

STAFF WORKING REMOTELY

The OLLI staff will be working remotely, for the most part, starting this **Monday, December 15 through Tuesday, January 20**. We will still be reachable by email at olli@american.edu or by phone at (202) 895-4860.

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



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

We are excited to announce that the February Shorts and spring semester registration is open! Once again, our Study Group Leaders and Curriculum Committee have outdone themselves to bring you an exciting set of courses. **There are 107 spring courses and 37 February Shorts!**

OLLI is continuing to offer classes in three formats: **in-person, online,** and **hybrid**. The format for each course is listed online and in the print catalog. You can prioritize up to 8 classes for the lottery. As always, the lottery will then assign you up to three classes.

FEBRUARY SHORTS

The February Shorts will be held for two weeks: February 2-6 and 9-13. Each short course runs for 2-5 days during one of the two weeks. You may register

for up to three courses in the lottery for the \$100 fee. **Your courses do not have to be all within the same week.** After the lottery, once you receive your class assignment letter, you can add additional courses—as many open courses as fit in your schedule—by logging into your OLLI account. To take more courses, you can even stack several within the same time slot. For example, if you have a course scheduled for February 2-4 (Mon-Wed) at 11:45 AM, you can add another that meets February 5-6 (Thu-Fri), also at 11:45 AM, instead of having to choose between the two.

Make sure to register before the February Shorts lottery on Wednesday, January 21.

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

SPRING SEMESTER

The spring semester is March 2-May 8. 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 18.

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

PRINT CATALOG

The February Shorts & spring catalog will be mailed by the end of the month. Look for your copy in early January.

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](#)

GIVE THE GIFT OF OLLI!

This holiday season, give your friend or family member a gift certificate for an academic session at OLLI. Contact the office at (202) 895-4860 or olli@american.edu for more information.



The image shows a gift voucher template for OLLI at American University. It features a blue and white color scheme. On the left, the word "GIFT" is in a blue banner above "VOUCHER" in large grey letters, with "FOR:" below. The OLLI logo (OSHER LIFE LONG LEARNING INSTITUTE) and "at American University" are in the top right. A circular seal on the right says "\$ _____ TOWARDS THE _____ ACADEMIC SESSION". A blue bar at the bottom contains the website and phone number: "www.olli-dc.org | olli@american.edu | 202-895-4860".

OLLI EVENTS

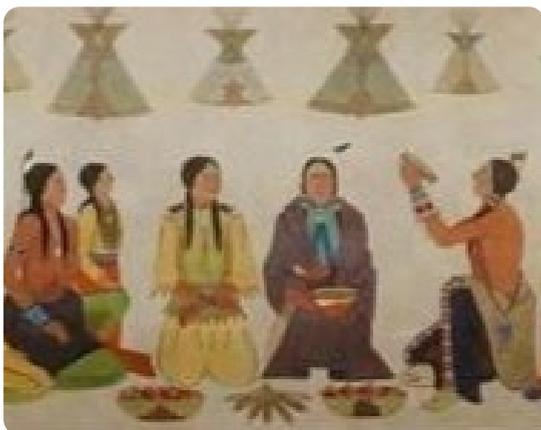
SGL APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Yesterday we held a luncheon for our summer and fall Study Group Leaders. Marianne Sponis, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, did a fantastic job organizing this event for our very deserving SGLs. It was wonderful to see some new faces and reconnect with some of our seasoned SGLs, some of whom have been teaching with us for 20-plus years! We also got to hear from our Board Chair, Lesley Rubinger and Executive Director, Tony Long, both of whom expressed our infinite gratitude for the hard work SGLs do. We thank our SGLs for their generosity of time, talent, and passion. They are the heart of our OLLI at AU community.



MORE PHOTOS FROM THE HOLIDAY PARTY!

Members had a wonderful time at this year's holiday party, as you can see in the photos below! Great food and drinks inspired lively conversation among guests.

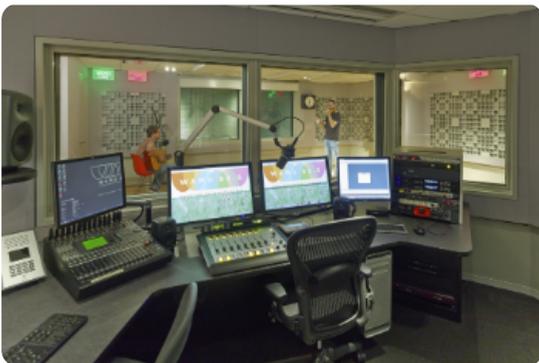


**DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR NEW
DEAL PAINTED MURALS TOUR**
Thursday, January 29
9:45-11:00 AM
**1849 C Street NW | Registration
Required**

Discover the art and architecture that made the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building a “symbol of a new day” during the Great Depression.

There are almost 1,600 works of art, including two of Thomas Moran’s masterpieces of the American West. Designed by local architect Waddy Butler, the interior headquarters structure features more Public Works Administration (PWA) artwork than any other Federal building and has the second most PWA artists represented. This hour-long special tour of the New Deal era murals for OLLI members and guests will be conducted by Interior Department museum staff.

REGISTER



WAMU AMERICAN UNIVERSITY RADIO GUIDED TOUR

Wednesday, February 25

10:15 AM-12:00 PM

**4401 Connecticut Avenue NW |
Registration Required**

Join us for a guided tour and a unique experience at [WAMU](https://www.wamu.org). Our visit promises to be a fun and educational behind-the-scenes look at how a public radio station operates, as well as its relationship to National Public Radio (NPR). The tour will include a visit to WAMU’s radio production studios, performance spaces, operations and work areas.

We're scheduled to observe Jenn White's program 1A in progress, produced by WAMU. [1A's](#) name is inspired by the First Amendment, and the program explores a wide variety of national and international issues involving policy, politics, and technology as well as subjects such as art and theater, pop culture and humor. The program is hosted by Jenn White and is distributed nationally by NPR.

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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