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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 WILL OPEN

DECEMBER 12

We are excited to announce that the February Shorts and spring semester registration will open Friday, December 12! Once again, our Study Group Leaders and Curriculum Committee have outdone themselves to bring you an exciting set of courses. **There will be 108 spring courses and 35 February Shorts!**

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.

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

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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

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.

Today's lecture will still take place. Registration is currently full.

OLLI EVENTS

HAPPY HOUR

The last happy hour of the fall semester will take place today 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](#)

HOLIDAY PARTY

Yesterday we held our annual holiday party! Members gathered to mingle and enjoy some wine and hors d'oeuvres. Gathering with friends under sparkling lights and festive music was the perfect way to end our fall semester.

A special thank you to Jeff Porter of the social committee for another successful event. We wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season!

Warmly,
Tony Long



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

CHORAL COLLABORATION

David Flaxman, a current SGL and OLLI member, along with Andrew Smith, OLLI 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 AEDELSBERGER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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

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David and Andrew 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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