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UPDATES

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY HOURS

Monday, October 13, is Indigenous Peoples' Day. The OLLI office will remain **OPEN** and classes will go on as usual.

ROOM A TEMPERATURE FLUCTUATIONS

We have received notice of Room A being too warm. We apologize for any inconvenience. Unfortunately, we are not able to control the heating/cooling system in OLLI classrooms.

Room A is a closed system that regulates itself when the door is kept closed. In between classes the temperature of the room may fluctuate as many people enter and exit. The process of reaching the desired temperature takes time. We recommend that members dress in layers in order to stay comfortable.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the OLLI office at (202) 895-4860 or olli@american.edu.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

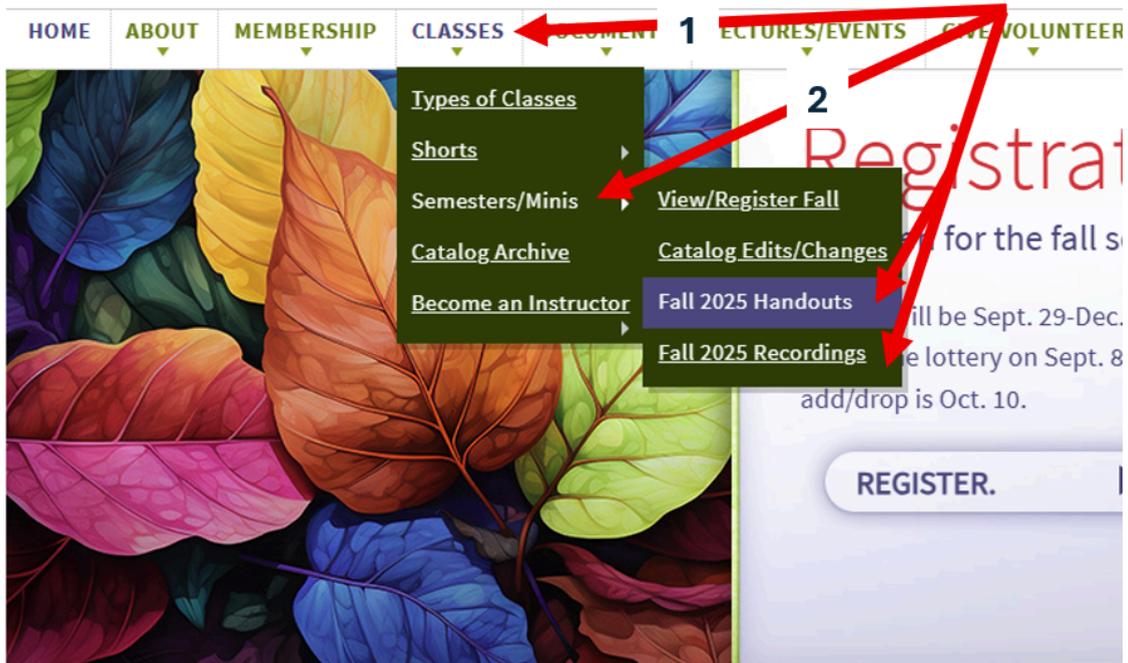
Today is the LAST day to register for the fall semester. You can see the status of each (open or closed) on the OLLI website. Now that the lottery has passed, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account.

Register, add/drop classes, or request a refund by **close of business today, Friday, October 10.**

REGISTER

CLASS HANDOUTS AND RECORDINGS

Most classes during the fall semester are being recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all recordings for that session. [Fall recordings](#) and [fall handouts](#) are listed under "Classes," (1) then "Semesters/Minis" (2) (see image below). Each day's recordings during the semester are posted the following business day. You must first [log into your member account](#) in order to view recordings and handouts. Both are available for viewing until two weeks past the end of the session.



PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK

The [preliminary feedback form](#) is available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." As always, feedback is anonymous.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to provide feedback about each of your study groups after attending two class sessions. **If you have any suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.**

Paper copies of the feedback form are also available in each class folder (just ask your SGR for one) as well as outside the OLLI office. If you choose to complete a paper form, please drop it off at the office when you're finished. Preliminary feedback will be accepted through **Friday, October 17.**

LECTURES

FALL LECTURE SERIES

Fall lectures are being held at OLLI: 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, in Room A on the first floor. **Registration is required for in-person lectures.**

Registration opens at 10:00 AM on the Friday prior to the lecture. The registration link is included in the Friday newsletter the week prior to each lecture. Each registrant may reserve **up to two seats**. Your name(s) must be on

the list of registrants to enter the lecture and you must be in your seat five minutes before the lecture starts to guarantee your seat.



TODAY'S LECTURE

Philip Shenon, *From Pope Francis to Pope Leo: The Modern Papacy*

October 10 | 1:30–2:30 PM

Room A

Philip Shenon is an award-winning investigative journalist and former New York Times reporter of more than 20 years. He is the author of three major books, including the bestsellers *A Cruel and Shocking Act: The Secret History of the Kennedy Assassination* and *The Commission: The Uncensored History of the 9/11 Investigation*.

Shenon's latest book, *Jesus Wept: Seven Popes and the Battle for the Soul of the Catholic Church* will be available for purchase and signing immediately following the lecture.

REGISTER



NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

David Boul, *The Art of Jack Boul*

October 17 | 1:30–2:30 PM

Room A

An accomplished television producer and former print journalist, David Boul has won seven Emmy Awards over the course of his career. Today, he devotes his energy to honoring and preserving the legacy of his father, Jack Boul, a beloved longtime art professor at American University. Jack Boul's work can be found in the

National Gallery of Art, the Phillips Collection, the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress, the Katzen Art Center, and numerous private collections. His powerful Holocaust series, originally exhibited at the Corcoran Museum, is now housed in the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust.

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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](#)

SERENDIPITY TALKS

Lauren Schwabish, *Cognitive Health in Aging: What's normal, what's not, and why lifelong learning habits matter*

Monday, October 20 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Online via Zoom

This webinar will explore normal age-related changes to thinking and memory, highlight which changes may signal concern, and share current research, practical insights, and actionable strategies to promote cognitive well-being throughout the aging process. Topics will include a review of brain structures and functions, an overview of cognitive domains from attention to executive function, an understanding of typical age-related changes, recognition of cognitive-communication shifts that may affect daily life, and practical strategies and brain-healthy behaviors to help sustain cognitive wellness throughout life.

Lauren Schwabish, MS, CCC-SLP, is the owner of Neuro Speech Services, a private practice in Northern Virginia specializing in person-centered care for cognitive-communication disorders related to stroke, brain injury, ADHD, and other neurologic conditions. She also consults with nonprofits such as Brain Injury Services and Can Do Multiple Sclerosis, and advises the National Aphasia Association's Parenting with Aphasia group. With more than 25 years of experience in hospitals and rehabilitation centers, Lauren is dedicated to making brain health education meaningful, accessible, and evidence-based for patients, families, and professionals.

No registration is required for Serendipities. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of each talk. If you do not receive the newsletter and would like to attend, please join the email list at https://www.ollie-dc.org/join_email_list.

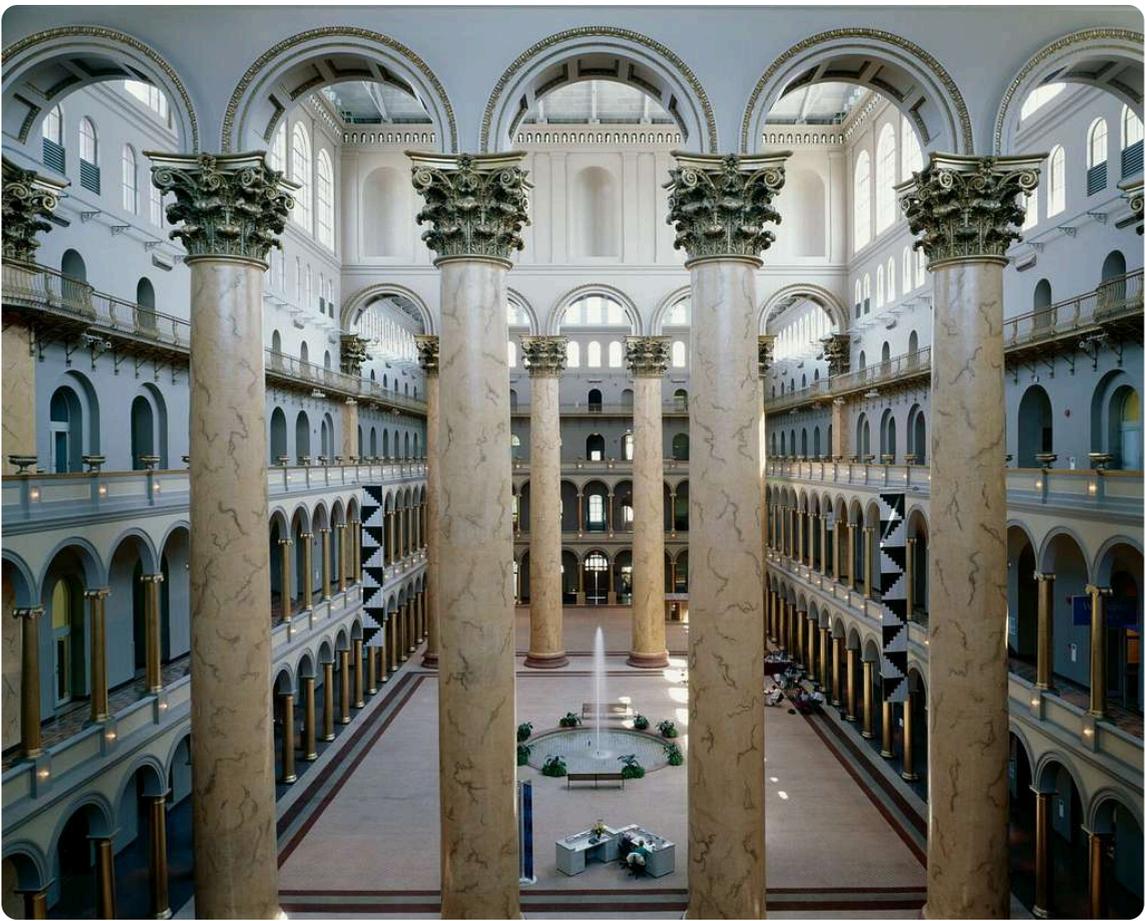


US CAPITOL GROUNDS

TOUR CANCELLED

Sunday, October 19

The Capitol Grounds Tour originally scheduled for October 19 has been cancelled. If you were registered for this event, you received an email regarding a refund and substitute tour. Please reply with your interest as soon as possible. More information about the replacement tour is below.



NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM TOUR

Sunday, October 19

1:00-2:00 PM

401 F Street NW | Registration Required | Tickets \$10 per person

Join us for a private, docent led tour of the historic home of the [National Building Museum](#) which was built between 1882 and 1887 for three distinct purposes: to house the headquarters of the U.S. Pension Bureau, to provide a suitably grand space for Washington's social and political functions, and to commemorate the service of those who fought on the side of the Union during the Civil War. It is an important early large-scale example of Renaissance Revival architecture, and was designated a [National Historic Landmark](#) in 1985. This tour also includes access to all the current exhibits.

REGISTER



DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR NEW DEAL PAINTED MURALS TOUR

Friday, November 14

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

OLLI
Lunch Club 

OLLI LUNCH CLUB

12:15 PM

Millie's Restaurant | Registration Required

[Wednesday, October 22](#)

[Thursday, November 6](#)

[Monday, November 17](#)

The OLLI Lunch Club is holding several luncheons during the fall semester, each 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 links above.**

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

ART EXHIBITION

Beverly Logan, a current SGL and OLLI member, is hosting an art exhibition at the Women's National Democratic Club.

Email pfitzgerald@democraticwoman.org to RSVP.

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 (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.

MEDIA

OLLI PODCAST

Listen to episodes from OLLI at AU's podcast, [*Curiosity Never Retires*](#).

This series provides information about some of the wonderful courses and people at the heart of our OLLI at AU, while sparking curiosity and maybe a conversation or two. Each 13–15 minute episode features interviews with instructors about upcoming courses, offering prospective registrants insight into what the course will offer and an introduction to the instructor. At *CNR*, we believe there's never a good time to stop learning or laughing.



Don Ross, [Plato & Aristotle](#)

Don Ross received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wake Forest University in 1970, his master's from the University of Iowa in 1972, and his doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1979. His publications include articles on ancient and medieval philosophy. He has also done work in Asian and modern European philosophy.

AU EVENTS

CCPS PRESENTS:
**THE THURBER
DIALOGUES
ON DEMOCRACY**

FEATURING FMR. SEN. RUSS FEINGOLD
IN CONVERSATION WITH RON ELVING



OCTOBER 7
6 - 7:30PM ET



FOUNDERS ROOM
IN THE SCHOOL OF
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

(PARKING AVAILABLE AT SIS OFF NEBRASKA AVE)

**RSVP
HERE:**

**[american-spa.swoogo.com
/Populists-Plutocrats
-Dangers-to-Democracy](https://american-spa.swoogo.com/Populists-Plutocrats-Dangers-to-Democracy)**



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2025 Sine Institute Distinguished Lecturer



Amb. Brooke
ANDERSON

President, Pivotal Ventures

**"How to Build Lasting Impact
in a Complicated World"**

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025 - 1 p.m. (EST)
Mary Graydon Center Room 305

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DISARMING GIRLS
by Sarah Caroline Billings and Kallen Prosterman

OCTOBER 16-26
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY'S
HAROLD AND SYLVIA GREENBERG THEATRE

Tickets at american.edu/arts



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