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# Newsletter



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## UPDATES

**WELCOME OLLI'S NEWEST STAFF MEMBER**

I want to introduce you to OLLI's newest staff member—Andrew Smith. Andrew has started with the OLLI team as our Operations Assistant. He obtained vocal performance degrees from George Mason University, The Catholic University of America, and The University of Michigan. He has previously worked as a music teacher, front of house operations manager, and administrative lead for different organizations. During his free time, Andrew enjoys conducting choral ensembles, cooking, and watching comedies.

We are thrilled to have Andrew join our team.

Tony Long

Executive Director

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

### CALLING ALL FEBRUARY & SPRING PROPOSALS



We welcome proposals from both new and previous study group leaders! For more information about being an SGL at OLLI, please visit the [Become an Instructor](#) page on the website. If you or someone you know is interested in leading a study group for the first time and would like to speak with someone, please email [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

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**



2025 FALL OLLI at AU  
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

*Where Curiosity Never Retires*

### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

The [Fall 2025 Membership Directory](#) is now available on the OLLI website. Members must be logged in to access the directory. Go to "Documents," and then "For Members Only."

## **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

### Josh Silver, *The Community Reinvestment Act*

October 24 | 1:30–2:30 PM

#### Room A

Josh Silver is a consultant and Senior Fellow at the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), where he has worked for over 30 years to strengthen the Community Reinvestment Act, fair lending laws, and financial data transparency. He previously served as development manager at Manna, Inc., a nonprofit housing developer in Washington, DC, and as a research associate at the Urban Institute. Silver holds a master's degree in public affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School at the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor's degree from Columbia University.

Silver's book, *Ending Redlining through a Community-Centered Reform of the Community Reinvestment Act* will be available for purchase and signing immediately following the lecture.

**There is space remaining, so registration is encouraged, but not required. Light refreshments will be provided!**

**REGISTER**



## NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

**Jonathan Moreno, *Absolutely Essential: Bioethics and the Rules-Based International Order***

**October 31 | 1:30–2:30 PM**

**Room A**

Jonathan D. Moreno is the David and Lyn Silfen University Professor Emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania and adjunct faculty at Johns Hopkins University. A member of the National Academy of Medicine, he has advised three US presidential commissions and international bodies including UNESCO and the Department of Defense. His honors include the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities and the Benjamin Rush Medal. Moreno is the author of *Mind Wars*, *Undue Risk*, *Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven but Nobody Wants to Die*, and *Absolutely Essential* (MIT Press, 2025). His work bridges bioethics, health policy, and national security.

Moreno's book, *Absolutely Essential: Bioethics and the Rules-Based International Order* 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**

## **FREE MINDS POETRY WRITE DAY**

**Thursday, November 6**

**1:30-3:00 PM**

**Location: OLLI's Social Space on the 5th floor**

OLLI and the local nonprofit Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop are excited to co-sponsor our 7th "Free Minds Poetry Write Day." Workshops ceased during COVID and are now finally back. Jenny Pierson is coordinating this event.

Free Minds conducts literacy programs, including poetry classes, for incarcerated youth in DC. They will provide us with a packet of poems written by incarcerated young men for us to read and provide comments.

We are seeking a community of 20-25 OLLI members who will give the youth's poetry encouraging comments. Providing feedback on these poems is an enjoyable community activity and a great way to show these youth that others respect their work and appreciate their dedication. A few men who have participated in and benefited from this program will be with us to share their experiences in the program and express their appreciation.

If you have questions, please contact Jenny Pierson at [piersonjen17@gmail.com](mailto:piersonjen17@gmail.com) or 202-248-8288.

**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**

[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.**

### **NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM TOUR**

This past Sunday, a group of OLLI members explored the National Building Museum, a large-scale example of Renaissance Revival architecture, on a guided tour that included time to peruse the [Current Exhibits](#). The Museum resides in the historic Pension Building, which contains one of the most awe-inspiring spaces in the nation's capital: a soaring, expansive Great Hall featuring eight colossal Corinthian columns and a 1,200-foot-long terra cotta frieze that wraps the exterior of the building. Everyone learned something new about this historic DC treasure.

A big thanks to OLLI's Trip Coordinator, Elena Vejarano, for organizing this wonderful tour.



**OLLI HAPPENINGS**



### **MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK**

As a form of appreciation for our amazing members, each day, we will have refreshments (see times below) in the Social Space located on the 5th floor:

#### **Monday, October 27 - Thursday, October 30**

**9:00 AM-2:00 PM** Breakfast treats, desserts, and savory snacks

#### **Friday, October 31**

**9:00 AM-12:30 PM** Breakfast treats, desserts, and savory snacks

**12:30-1:30 PM** Sandwich wraps prior to the lecture

### **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.

To place your order for a **women's** OLLI jacket, [click here](#).

To place your order for a **men's** OLLI jacket, [click here](#).

WOMEN'S



MEN'S



## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### **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."

[Read here](#) for more details.

# UNFINISHED REVOLUTION



## A DAUNTING MISSION

The Freedmen's Bureau in Montgomery County

By Ralph Buglass

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.](#)

### ART EXHIBITION

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

# 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.**

## **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.



**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](https://american.edu/arts)



**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**  
**Tom Kahn**  
 Acting Director,  
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 and Presidential Studies,  
 School of Public Affairs

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**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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